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City of Lafayette to lift lawn restriction and allocate water for Waneka Lake

LAFAYETTE, Colo May 9, 2013 – According to May snowpack figures from Northern Water, the outlook for Lafayette’s water resources has improved over the past 30 days. As a result, City Council will be lifting the April 2 ban on new lawns allowing residents to plant turf and install sod beginning May 21.

Three regulations will be kept in place;

- Outdoor irrigation between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm is prohibited
- The overrun of water onto any area not covered by vegetation such as sidewalks, curbs, gutters, streets and other paved areas is prohibited
- The washing of any paved area with a hose using water from the municipal watering system is prohibited

“While this is good news, we’re still officially in a drought,” explains Public Works Director Doug Short. “We will be continuing to monitor and assess conditions throughout the summer and will make adjustments if necessary.”

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of additional City water conservation resources such as free indoor/outdoor water audits, toilet rebates, and the Garden-In-A-Box program. Details can be found at www.cityoflafayette.com/PublicWorks

The City is also now in a position to add water to Waneka Lake later this season. Water shares will first fill Baseline and Goosehaven Reservoirs. Once these City storage facilities have been replenished, surplus water will be diverted to the lake. Timing for this effort will be dependent upon water consumption rates, temperatures, and dates of water rights coming into priority.

“We’re pleased to be able to make this adjustment early in the growing season,” said Gary Klaphake, City Administrator. “There is still plenty of time to visit Lafayette Florist and other retailers in town to pick up lawn, flowerbed and garden supplies.”

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