



Orange Water and Sewer Authority

A public, non-profit agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.

Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Meeting on November 11, 2010

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The OWASA Board of Directors:

- **Authorized a community meeting on November 30th to receive comments on a proposed plan for sustainable management of OWASA's forest lands, and received a status report on recently-completed forestry management work.** The objectives of the plan include protecting water quality (with stream buffers), enhancing the diversity and health of OWASA's forest lands, improving wildlife habitat, and minimizing impacts on adjacent properties. OWASA owns about 2,400 acres of forest land, including 490 acres north of the Cane Creek Reservoir where OWASA recently completed an initial phase of forestry management with clearing of about 25 acres of pine trees (reforestation of that land will follow in the spring of 2011) and thinning of low quality trees in about 25 acres of upland hardwood forest.

The community meeting on November 30th will be held at 7 PM in the Maple View Agricultural Center on Dairyland Road west of Carrboro.

- **Approved a plan which describes the action OWASA will take to manage water supply and demand conditions during droughts or other operational constraints.** In accord with State laws adopted after the drought of 2007-08, OWASA's Water Shortage Response Plan specifies the supply and demand conditions in which different levels of water use restrictions would apply in light of the time of year. OWASA's plan incorporates OWASA's existing water conservation standards which were developed in 2009 following a public input process, and which are reflected in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County water conservation ordinances for OWASA customers.

For more information, please see the agenda materials on our website, www.owasa.org.

The next scheduled business meeting of the OWASA Board will be on Thursday, December 9th at 7 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, in Carrboro.