



ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.*

Summary of the OWASA Board's work session on November 13, 2014

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The Board:

Discussed a status report on consideration of alternatives and costs for access to Jordan Lake when needed due to a severe drought or operational emergency. The alternatives include:

- relying on the existing mutual aid agreements with Town of Cary and City of Durham;
- sharing the costs of potential facilities on the west side of the lake with Durham, Pittsboro and/or Chatham County; and
- developing a 5-year agreement with the Town of Cary and City of Durham for pumping water from Cary through the Durham water system to OWASA if and when needed.

These Jordan Lake alternatives will be reviewed in detail along with other supply and demand management alternatives as OWASA updates its Long-Range Water Supply Plan.

Discussed alternatives for Community Engagement for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Feasibility Study. The Board agreed to defer community engagement about AMI until after completion of the consultant's study.

Discussed and authorized staff to proceed with a proposed scope of work for biosolids management including evaluation of:

- whether to dewater biosolids, suspend application of liquid biosolids on farms and recycle biosolids through a privately-owned composting company which provides soil additives for landscaping, and
- how to optimize biosolids management in the near and long term.

Biosolids are solids which are separated from wastewater in the treatment process, disinfected and broken down in a biological process so the solids can be recycled.

Received a brief report on the Community Engagement Committee's meeting on October 29th and plans to review current engagement practices on December 2nd.

The OWASA Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th at 6 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro. For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>.