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to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.*

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Invitation for Public Review and Comment on OWASA's Proposed Water Shortage Response Plan

On Thursday, November 11, 2010, the OWASA Board of Directors will consider a proposed Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) which describes how OWASA will manage the community's water supply and demands during droughts and other operational constraints. The WSRP includes specific water supply trigger conditions that OWASA will use to determine different stages of mandatory water use restrictions.

OWASA invites public review and comment on the proposed WSRP on or before the November 11th Board meeting.

Comments may be submitted by e-mail to webmaster@owasa.org; by mail to OWASA at 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro, NC 27510; and in person at the November 11th Board meeting, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room in the OWASA Administration Building at 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro.

The WSRP incorporates OWASA's existing Water Conservation Standards and mandatory water use restrictions that were adopted in 2009 following the 2007-2008 drought. No changes to those Standards are proposed. The proposed plan reflects current operating practices and policies.

OWASA's plan has been prepared in accord with NC General Statute 143-355(l), and it is organized along the lines of the NC Division of Water Resources' *Water Shortage Response Plan Guidelines* issued in January 2009.

After a WSRP is adopted, it will be reviewed at least once every 5 years. It must also be reviewed and revised, as needed, after a declared water shortage ends.

The proposed WSRP can be viewed by using the following link: [Water Shortage Response Plan](#). A copy is also available for review at OWASA's Administration Building at 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro, and at the Chapel Hill Public Library. You may also request a copy of the proposed WSRP by calling OWASA at 537-4210 or by emailing pdavis@owasa.org.

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