



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 March 25, 2010

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The OWASA Board of Directors:

- **Approved a plan for active sustainable forestry management practices on OWASA's 490-acre Cane Creek Mitigation Tract near Buckhorn Road in western Orange County).** The plan, which was the subject of a community meeting in February, is designed to

- ✓ protect water quality
- ✓ maintain a diverse and high quality forest,
- ✓ improve the habitat for wildlife
- ✓ control insect infestation and disease
- ✓ minimize the potential for wildfires.

OWASA is also currently developing an overall plan for sustainable forestry on the majority of OWASA-owned forested properties. This plan is expected to be complete this summer.

- **Approved OWASA's Strategic Plan**, which includes goals and objectives for:
 - ✓ Financial security and stability
 - ✓ Resource management and infrastructure sustainability
 - ✓ Knowledge management and workforce sustainability
 - ✓ Customer satisfaction
- **Received a presentation on a capacity/optimization study of the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant.** The report's preliminary findings indicate that the next major expansion of the plant will not be needed in the next 20 years, and there may be opportunities to optimize the treatment processes to reduce chemical and energy costs. Field validation of the of the study's modeling results will begin soon to determine future actions, including how the study's results will be coordinated with planned additional odor control improvements to be completed by 2014.

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, April 8th at 7 PM in the Community Room in the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.