



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 October 20, 2011 OWASA Board Meeting

Please note: The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board. Audio recordings of the OWASA Board's meetings and the Board's official minutes, when adopted, are available to citizens for review. Video recordings of OWASA Board meetings in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available.

After discussion, the OWASA Board adopted a resolution regarding use of water from Jordan Lake and OWASA's request for a clarification of the Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement (WSMPBA) among the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough; Orange County; and OWASA.

The resolution includes the following:

1. The "Policy Resolution Regarding Water Purchases to Mitigate the Risk of Shortage During Periods of Extended Drought" adopted by the OWASA Board of Directors on June 9, 2011 is hereby rescinded and replaced by this resolution.

2. OWASA shall only purchase water from other communities or obtain water from its Jordan Lake storage allocation during periods of increased drought risk after it has declared a Stage 1 Water Supply Shortage per OWASA's State-approved Water Shortage Response Plan and OWASA's Water Conservation Standards as incorporated therein.

3. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen and Chapel Hill Town Council are hereby requested to reconsider their actions of March 1, 2011 and April 25, 2011 and to approve previously proposed language in the Agreement (WSMPBA) to clarify that nothing therein shall be construed to prevent OWASA from obtaining water from its Jordan Lake allocation for use by OWASA customers. OWASA respectfully requests that Carrboro and Chapel Hill approve those changes by November 30, 2011.

4. OWASA shall continue to encourage water conservation and the use of reclaimed water, and will continue its existing policy and practice of providing advance notice of a potential or impending shortage to customers and local governments.

For more information, please see the agenda materials on the OWASA webpage at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>. The OWASA Board's next scheduled business meeting will be on Thursday, October 27th at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard