

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2008

TITLE: Water Conservation: Update on Interlocal Workgroup Recommendations

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff Report and Memos C. OWASA Recommendations	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Dodd – 918-7326 Patricia McGuire – 918-7327

PURPOSE

In August 2006, the Board of Aldermen directed staff to participate in a workgroup with OWASA, Chapel Hill, and Orange County to consider water supply demand management and water conservation approaches. The workgroup has issued a draft report for consideration by local elected Boards. Key findings of the report are presented for the Board's consideration. The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt a resolution that receives the report prepared by the workgroup, requests staff review of the report and continued staff participation in the workgroup, and provide other feedback and direction as desired.

INFORMATION

A summary of the findings of the interlocal workgroup is described in the attached staff memorandum (Attachment B). The report is posted at <http://www.townofcarrboro.org/pzi/Env/Water/conservation.htm>. (Board members who would like a printed copy should contact the Town Clerk or Environmental Planner.) The workgroup report includes a recommendation that local governments and OWASA carefully coordinate efforts to pursue both nearer term and longer term initiatives to further enhance water conservation efforts. These recommendations address both indoor and outdoor water use, and are founded on a desire for consistency across jurisdictions in the OWASA service area.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

There is no specific fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation to receive and review the report. It is conceivable that future implementation could have a fiscal impact. Continued involvement in the workgroup and direction regarding staff review of the report and implementation will impact staff workload.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the resolution that receives the report prepared by the workgroup and requests that staff continue with workgroup participation. Staff are also seeking BOA review comments and additional direction regarding the recommendations provided.