

**ORANGE COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

MEMORANDUM

To: Ed Kerwin, Executive Director
Orange Water and Sewer Authority

From: David Neal, Chair
Orange County Commission for the Environment

Date: May 15, 2013

Re: Forestry Tour of the OWASA Cane Creek Mitigation Tract

On behalf of the Orange County Commission for the Environment (CFE) I thank you and your staff for arranging the recent tour of OWASA's Cane Creek Mitigation Tract.

I was unable to attend the May 2, 2013 tour, but I understand from other CFE members and staff that it was an excellent presentation of the forest management activities on the 490-acre property. Please extend our thanks and appreciation to OWASA's forestry consultant, David Halley, and his colleagues who each had a role in educating our members about the responsible forest management practices employed at this site. Our members were impressed with the efforts being taken to protect one of the streams using a temporary bridge that will be constructed for trucks and equipment to access the southern portions of the property.

I understand CFE members had many questions that were answered during the tour. Our members will share what they learned with other members of the CFE who could not attend, and if there are any further questions or comments we will pass them along to Ruth Rouse.

Again, thank you for arranging the tour and assembling a team of experts to answer our questions. Attached are photos taken during the tour by Tom Davis of the DEAPR staff.

Attachments

cc: Frank Clifton, Jr., County Manager
David Stancil, DEAPR Director
Rich Shaw, Land Conservation Manager
Tom Davis, Water Resources Coordinator
CFE Members