



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 October 27, 2011

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The OWASA Board:

- **Recognized 14 employees who reached service milestones of 10 to 30 years.**

10 years: Nathan Barnhardt, Brett Bradshaw, Terry Burkhardt, Robert Herring, Anthony Montero, Allen Smith and Pamela Whitmore

15 years: Denise Battle, Donald Boggs and Ed Kerwin

25 years: Roy Blackwood and Jerry McNair

30 years: Doc Crawford and John Greene

- **Received the annual update on OWASA's strategic trends and master plan issues.** Water demand is 25% less than in 2003 due to conservation by all categories of customers, including the University, whose use of reclaimed water for non-drinking purposes now represents more than 10 percent of the community's total water use. Based on 50-year demand projections, OWASA's current water sources are expected to be adequate in most cases, but will become increasingly vulnerable to severe drought between now and 2035, when the expanded Quarry Reservoir is available. OWASA is working with other local governments to minimize this risk by ensuring secure access to Jordan Lake in the future. The capacity of OWASA's water and wastewater treatment plants is expected to be adequate through 2030. A study to optimize operation of the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment has resulted in annual savings of \$300,000 in chemical and energy costs.
- **Received a report from the Board's Finance Committee on the rate study planned for 2012.** Chair Amy Witsil reported that the study is expected to include a review of OWASA's rate structure with respect to its revenue, equity and affordability goals.
- **Received the financial report for the three-month period that ended on September 30, 2011.** Revenues, costs and water sales are in normal ranges for this point early in the fiscal year.

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, November 10th at 7 PM in the Community Room on the lower floor of the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.