



# 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 December 8, 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.*

The OWASA Board of Directors:

- **Met with Tom Fransen, Deputy Director of the NC Division of Water Resources, to receive information regarding "Round 4" of the Jordan Lake water allocations by the NC Environmental Management Commission.** Mr. Fransen provided information on the State law, related rules and the process for Jordan Lake allocation decisions which the Commission may make in 2013. A transcript of the discussion with Mr. Fransen will be posted on the OWASA website.

The Board's Natural Resources and Technical Systems Committee will next meet at 8 AM on December 16<sup>th</sup> in the OWASA Boardroom, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro, to review information from Mr. Fransen and the proposed Drought Response Operating Protocol (please see next item).

- **Began discussion of OWASA's proposed Drought Response Operating Protocol including when OWASA would consider buying water.**
- **Discussed a proposal by the Board's Outreach and Education Committee for a community engagement and dialogue plan** that includes meeting with community organizations to receive feedback and share information. In response to comments at the Board meeting, OWASA will consider televising all Board meetings.
- **Received a staff report on selection of an engineering firm to design a sewer replacement project near the University's Friday Center.** OWASA's analysis earlier this year showed that a larger sewer is needed for projected future wastewater flows.

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, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Community Room on the lower floor of the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.