



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 February 23, 2012

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 Board agreed to request the opportunity to make presentations to the Chapel Hill Town Council and Carrboro Board of Aldermen in March regarding OWASA's work to date on a draft Drought Response Operating Protocol including consideration of getting Jordan Lake water via other utilities in an extended drought.**
- **Ed Holland, Planning Director, reported on the current moderate drought conditions, weather forecasts, water supplies (Cane Creek Reservoir, University Lake and the Quarry Reservoir are now 74% full), demand and related items.** OWASA will continue to carefully monitor supply, demand, forecasts and related items and will report to the community as needed.
- **Ed Kerwin, Executive Director, noted OWASA's 35th anniversary.** He recognized two employees, Sallie Edwards and Randy Horton, who have been with OWASA since it began serving the community in February, 1977; and Robert L. Epting, OWASA's General Counsel since 1984, who served on the OWASA Board in 1977. He emphasized OWASA's strong commitment to excellent drinking water, wastewater treatment and customer service.
- **The Board received a presentation by Mary Darr, P.E., regarding OWASA's development of an asset management plan for aboveground facilities and equipment.** OWASA has already developed processes for setting priorities in replacing and renewing underground assets such as water and sewer lines. The purposes of asset management are to increase reliability of facilities and equipment and reduce future maintenance costs by replacing and renewing assets at the optimum time in their useful life.
- **The Board discussed a report with alternatives for recording, televising and on-line posting of Board meeting videos on the second Thursdays of the month in addition to present telecasts on fourth Thursdays.** After discussion, the Board asked the Outreach and Education Committee to consider this matter and report back to the Board at a later date.

- **The Board authorized staff to work with the Town of Hillsborough to draft a proposed agreement for transfer of three miles of OWASA's 10-mile water line between OWASA and Hillsborough to the Town.** The transfer would reduce OWASA's maintenance costs.
- **Ken Loflin, Water Supply and Treatment Manager, said OWASA customers may notice chlorine taste and odor in OWASA water in March and early April due to the annual change to chlorine disinfection in March.** In other months, OWASA uses chlorine and ammonia for disinfection.
- **The Board received a report on recreation at OWASA's lakes in 2011.**
- **The Board recognized Damon Forney for his service as OWASA's Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Recycling Manager since November, 2007.** Mr. Forney will take a position with the Town of Cary, where he will manage the Western Wake wastewater treatment plant now under construction.

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, March 22nd at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The March 8th meeting is cancelled.