



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 – March 22, 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 OWASA Board:

- **Received a report from the Board's Finance Committee and staff on a draft of the budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013; the report included a projection that no increase in monthly water and sewer rates will be needed in 2012.** The public will have an opportunity to comment on the budget and rates at a hearing to be scheduled in May and the OWASA Board of Directors will make final decisions in June.
- **Discussed the Jordan Lake Partnership's report on water supplies and demand and population projections for 13 local governments in the Triangle including Durham, Hillsborough, Orange County and OWASA.** The purpose of the report is to provide a common base of information for localities' future applications to the NC Environmental Management Commission to obtain or maintain or increase their water allocations from Jordan Lake.
- **Received a report on recent discussion with the Carrboro Board of Aldermen regarding OWASA's draft Drought Response Operating Protocol (DROP) including criteria and conditions for decisions on using OWASA's Jordan Lake water allocation in extreme droughts.** The Board also discussed plans for further discussion with members of the Chapel Hill Town Council.
- **Received a report from the Board's Outreach and Education Committee on plans for a customer satisfaction survey this spring and presentations to community groups as part of OWASA's public engagement and dialogue plan.**
- **Authorized a contract for the audit of OWASA's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.**

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, April 12th at 7 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.