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Summary of the September 13, 2012 OWASA Board Meeting

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The OWASA Board:

- **Received a staff presentation on Business Intelligence initiatives** to improve services and efficiency. Recent initiatives include using mobile computing technology in handling requests to start water service and mark the location of underground OWASA pipes in work areas. Future initiatives will involve enhanced integration of laboratory and operating data at treatment plants, optimizing facility asset management, streamlining the tracking of project costs, better management of electronic documents, and integrating fee payment and work order processes for starting new service.
- **Authorized purchase of new mixing equipment that will increase the efficiency of biological treatment at the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Compared to conventional equipment, the new mixer will save \$1 million in operating and capital costs over 20 years. The mixer is available from only one company and the Board approved the purchase on a "sole source" basis.
- **Received a report on results of the Finance Committee's September 13, 2012 meeting.** Discussions focused on the ongoing study of OWASA's water and sewer rate structure. Additional discussions are planned and if changes are proposed, there would be opportunities for public comment. Any changes resulting from the rate study would not go into effect before October, 2013.
- **Discussed priorities for the next year in the work of the Finance, Natural Resources/Technical Systems and Human Resources Committees.**

The Board's Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, September 27th at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The 2012 Annual Report and Financial Audit will be presented and discussed.

For more information, please see the agenda materials on the OWASA webpage at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>.