



# 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 Board of Directors' meeting on October 24, 2013

*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 which were held in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available. (Meetings on fourth Thursdays in September and October 2013 were held in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro, due to renovation work at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.)*

### **The Board:**

- **Discussed staff's annual update on strategic trends.** Water sales are about 26% less than in Fiscal Year 2002, and OWASA is unlikely to need to expand its water or wastewater treatment or water supply capacities for many years. However, the community will become more vulnerable to drought until the Expanded Quarry Reservoir is available and full in the mid-2030s. As follow-up to the Board's discussion, staff will update water demand projections and the potential benefits and costs of alternative water supply, reclaimed water, conservation and demand management strategies.
- **Received a financial report for July through September 2013.** Net revenue after debt payments was 2% less than budgeted.
- **Awarded a \$665,000 contract to renovate 20-year-old equipment at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant which separates solids from lake water before the water is filtered.**
- **Approved a 2.5% pay increase for employees receiving "successful" annual performance ratings and a 4% increase for the 12 employees receiving "exceptional" ratings in October 2013.** The increases will be effective in the November 22<sup>nd</sup> paychecks.
- **Recognized 14 employees who have reached service milestones of 10, 15, 20 and 25 years with OWASA.**
- **Changed the name of the Board's Outreach Committee to Community Engagement.**

*For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>. The Board's next meetings will be on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Boardroom (work session on strategic planning); and Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building (business meeting).*