



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 on March 28, 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 in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available.

The OWASA Board:

- **Received a report on a preliminary draft of the budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (July, 2013 – June, 2014).** Based on current expectations and the current rate structure, staff believes no increase in monthly water, sewer and reclaimed water rates will be necessary.

Preliminary budget data includes estimates of \$19.5 million for operations, \$16 million for capital improvements and \$8 million for bond repayments in Fiscal Year 2014.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget and water and sewer rates will be the subject of public hearings on May 23rd at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

- **Agreed that the Natural Resources and Technical Systems Committee's meeting on April 16th will include discussion of plans to construct an access road and creek crossing in OWASA's 500-acre "Mitigation Tract" north of the Cane Creek Reservoir in accord with the forest management related requirements of the federal permit that allowed construction of the Cane Creek Reservoir.**
- **Received a presentation by Mary Darr, P.E., OWASA's Operations Engineer, on development of the Asset Management Program for OWASA's aboveground buildings including treatment plants, pump stations, operations facility, offices, etc.** The asset management program is developing information including condition assessments to be used in setting priorities for future renovation and replacement of facilities and equipment.

For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>. The OWASA Board's next meeting will be a facility tour and a work session on strategic planning on Thursday, April 11th at 5:30 PM at the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant on Old Mason Farm Road (near Finley Golf Course) in Chapel Hill.