



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 April 25, 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:

- **Authorized staff to publicize the draft operating and capital improvements budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and draft rates and fees. No increase is proposed in monthly water, sewer, and reclaimed water rates.** The proposed budget, capital program and rates will be the subject of public hearings by the OWASA Board on May 23rd at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The draft FY 2014 budget includes about \$19.1 million for operations, \$16 million for capital improvements and \$8 million for bond repayments. A list of proposed rates will be published in early May. If the proposed rates are approved in June after the public hearings, FY 2014 would be the second consecutive budget year with no increase in monthly rates. (Some fees, such as those for connection to the OWASA system, may increase in October based on updated cost information.)

- **Received a staff report on options for funding water conservation measures and requested a follow-up report including possible changes in the Taste of Hope Customer Assistance Program.**
- **Received a financial report for July through March, 2013.** Staff expects that net revenue in FY 2013 will be close to projections. (Net revenue is used to help pay for capital investments and maintain adequate financial reserves.)
- **Received a report on the Natural Resources and Technical Systems Committee's recent discussions to set priorities and plans for further discussion of water fluoridation in May.**
- **Authorized agreements with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina for employee health and dental insurance in FY 2014. Costs will increase 6.4% for health coverage and 6.8% for dental.**

For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>. The OWASA Board's next business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th at 7 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro. After the business meeting, the Board will hold a work session on strategic planning in the OWASA Boardroom. The Board will also meet at 5:30 PM on May 9th for a tour of the Jones

Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant on the east side of the Administration Building. The public is welcome to attend the tour as well as the meeting.