



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' Annual Meeting on September 26, 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 held in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available. (Meetings on fourth Thursdays including October 24, 2013 will be held in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro, pending completion of renovation work at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.)

The Board:

- **received a draft of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year from July 2012 through June 2013. As in past years, OWASA's external financial auditor gave an unqualified opinion that the financial report fairly presents OWASA's financial position and operating results. Key points:**
 - Net revenue was about \$215,000 or 2% less than projected. (OWASA's net revenues are used to help pay for future capital investments and/or maintain adequate reserves.)
 - OWASA met its financial targets except affordability. Average annual residential water and sewer charges equal about 1.68% of the area's average household income; OWASA's target is 1.5% or less.
 - Drinking water sales averaged 6.1 million gallons per day, 0.2 less than projected. Lower temperatures and above normal rainfall were factors.
 - Operating revenue was 4% or \$1.5 million under budget. Revenue from new system connections was \$600,000 over budget.
 - Capital costs were 29% below budget, primarily because of lower than expected expenses for three large projects.
 - Operating costs were 3% or \$575,000 under budget.

- **expressed willingness to undertake a self-assessment of the Board's work as part of OWASA's processes to continuously improve its services.**

- **adopted a resolution honoring the 32+ years of outstanding service by John W. Greene, Jr., who recently retired as OWASA's General Manager of Operations.**

- **welcomed Mary Darr, OWASA's new Director of Engineering and Planning; and Todd Taylor, the new General Manager of Operations.**

For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>. The OWASA Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.