



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 August 28, 2014

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 minutes, when adopted, are available to citizens for review. Video recordings of Board meetings on the fourth Thursdays of most months will be available when Board meetings resume at the Chapel Hill Town Hall on fourth Thursdays.*

Ruchir Vora, an appointee of the Town of Chapel Hill, took the oath of office as an OWASA Board Member. Mr. Vora is a Project Manager with the firm of Environmental Resource Management Inc., where he does environmental health and safety audits, program development and environmental analyses. Mr. Vora served on the Conservation Commission in Cambridge, MA from 2009 to 2012 and in the Peace Corps from 1999 to 2001 in Kingston, Jamaica.

The OWASA Board:

- **Approved changing the name of the Taste of Hope Customer Assistance Program to Care to Share as recommended by an inter-agency work group,** and approved new branding. The changes are part of an initiative to increase donations to the program, which helps OWASA customers when they are unable to pay a water/sewer bill.
- **Received a preliminary financial report for the year ended June 30, 2014.** The report indicated that OWASA is meeting all of its financial management objectives.
- **Received a report on capital projects in the service year from July 2013 through June 2014.** Highlights included:
 - the recent lining of a water pipe on part of Ridge Road north of Manning Drive, which was the first water line renewal project in North Carolina using technology called "cured in place piping" (CIPP). CIPP involves installing a new fabric lining with an epoxy adhesive which hardens to form a structurally sound pipe.
 - work at the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant to reduce energy use and related greenhouse gas emissions, enhance the biological treatment of wastewater and further eliminate off-site odor. Savings in electricity costs are projected to be \$120,000 annually.

The next scheduled OWASA Board meeting will be a work session on Thursday, September 11th at 7 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration

Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro. For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>.