



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's work session on December 11, 2014

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The Board:

- **Accepted a conservation easement to prevent development on 10 acres owned by Bernadette Pelissier and G. Vann Benett near Mystic Lane in the Cane Creek watershed.** Ms. Pelissier is a member of the Orange County Board of Commissioners and a former Chair and member of the OWASA Board. The 10-acre parcel is one of several properties for which Ms. Pelissier and Mr. Bennett have given easements to limit or prevent development in order to protect water quality in the Cane Creek Reservoir.
- **Discussed the draft charter for preparing an energy management plan for OWASA.** The draft charter, which has potential objectives, assumptions, approach, timetable, plans for engaging stakeholders, etc., will be on the Board's agenda for consideration and action on January 22nd.
- **Agreed that the Board's Community Engagement Committee and staff will meet in January to discuss objectives for a potential program for researching customer perceptions and issues of concern.**
- **Discussed the schedule for a study of total compensation of OWASA employees.** The process will include selecting a consultant and preparing the scope of work by late June of 2015.
- **Received a report from staff on the need for Board approval of OWASA's State-required 2012 Local Water Supply Plan, which was recently approved by the State, and on the recommended concurrent approval of minor revisions to OWASA's State-required Water Shortage Response Plan.** A resolution to approve the plans is scheduled for action at the Board's January 22nd meeting.

- **Discussed the Executive Director's performance goals and schedule for performance evaluations.**

The OWASA Board's next meeting is a work session scheduled for Thursday, January 8th at 6 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>.