



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 January 8, 2015

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(Please note that the January 22, 2015 Board meeting will be in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro instead of the Chapel Hill Town Hall.) The Board normally does not take formal action in work sessions.

The Board:

- **Agreed that OWASA will continue land application of liquid biosolids on farmland through 2015.** Staff will provide further analysis of biosolids management alternatives later this year.

OWASA will continue to recycle about half of its biosolids through a private company's composting operation in Chatham County. Biosolids are solids which have been separated from wastewater and treated so they can be recycled as a soil additive.

- **Received and discussed information from OWASA's health insurance consultant about changes and trends in health insurance and a proposed process this spring to negotiate costs and consider options for coverage after the current one-year insurance contract ends in June 2015.**

Staff will propose a timetable for actions by the Board, staff and consultant including a process to inform and receive feedback from employees about changes which may be proposed this spring.

- **Received an update on efforts to improve OWASA's billing and financial management systems.** The improvements, which will enhance service to customers and increase efficiency, are expected to be complete in August 2015.
- **Agreed that the Board's January 22nd agenda will include discussion of whether to authorize design of a potential customer survey for 2015, and to ask staff to propose objectives for the survey.** Staff will prepare information including pros, cons and costs of options.
- **Requested staff prepare a resolution for the family of the late John W. Greene, Jr., OWASA's former General Manager of Operations.**

The OWASA Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd 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>.