



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 May 14, 2015

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The Board:

- **Discussed the draft scope of work for a feasibility study of Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI), and authorized staff and OWASA's consultant to proceed with the study.** AMI frequently transmits meter readings by radio and thus has the potential to help customers become aware more quickly about unexpected increases in water use, apparent leaks, etc.
- **Agreed that staff should prepare for the Board's review a letter if needed regarding NC House Bill 760, which as currently drafted would overturn many local government regulations that are more stringent than State requirements, including the existing local government stormwater controls and stream buffers designed to protect water quality in University Lake and the Cane Creek Reservoir.** OWASA will send the letter to legislators and several local governments in NC if needed.
- **Discussed options and costs for renewing health and dental insurance for employees for the fiscal year from July 2015 through June 2016.** The Board plans to make a decision on May 28.
- **Received and discussed information about merit pay for employees.** The Board will have further discussion on June 11.
- **Received a report from Steve Dear, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, about the Committee's meeting at 5 PM on May 14 to discuss OWASA's affordability outreach pilot project.** The Committee will meet on June 23 to discuss the future of the project.
- **Received a report from Terri Buckner, Chair of the Natural Resources and Technical Systems Committee, regarding its discussion on April 28 of information prepared by staff to help develop an energy management plan.**

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- **Agreed to do a self-assessment this spring.**
- **Discussed the process for nominating and electing officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) on June 11, including the work of the Board's four-person Nominating Committee.**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. This meeting will include public hearings on the proposed budget for July 2015 through June 2016 and rates which could go into effect in October. No increases in monthly rates are proposed. For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>.