



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 Meeting on May 28, 2015

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The Board:

- **Held a public hearing on the proposed budget for July 2015 through June 2016, proposed capital program and rates which would go into effect on October 1, 2015. Two customers commented by e-mail before the hearing and one customer spoke in the hearing.** The proposed budget includes no increase in monthly rates for the fourth year in a row. The Board plans to make decisions on the budget and rates on June 11.
- **Discussed a conceptual plan for informing citizens and community organizations and seeking their feedback as OWASA develops an energy management plan.** In a future meeting, the Board will discuss a proposed plan for a community event as part of the engagement process.
- **Identified items to address in an upcoming employee total compensation study.** The next step will be drafting a scope of work.
- **Approved renewal of employee health and dental insurance with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of NC.** The Board approved changes in benefits to lower the increase in premium costs.
- **Received a petition from representatives of the Orange Grove and White Cross Volunteer Fire Departments to improve access to water for firefighting.**
- **Presented to former Board Member Will Raymond a resolution of appreciation for his service from July 28, 2011 to June 30, 2014.**

Orange County's reappointment of Michael Hughes was announced.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 6 PM in the Community Room on the lower floor of 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>.