



# 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 of Directors' Meeting on February 25, 2016

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### The Board:

- **Discussed public comments to date on the proposal for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).** Sixty-one citizens submitted written comments and questions from February 10-25. The Board will also receive comments at its March 10 and 24 meetings, and may make a decision on AMI on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Received information from staff on the safety of OWASA's drinking water including testing for lead and corrosion control to minimize the potential for lead release from materials including solder in pre-1986 plumbing systems with copper pipes.** Our water continues to meet all standards under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
- **Reviewed the policy on financial reserves, and agreed to review it again next February as part of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget process.**
- **In response to a citizen's petition, agreed to invite public comments each year when the Board receives a staff report on lake recreation.** The Board denied the citizen's petition to discount lake recreation fees for low-income citizens because of OWASA's legal constraints.
- **Received comments on Orange County's planning for a Mountains-to-Sea Trail segment in an area including OWASA land near the Cane Creek Reservoir.** The Board agreed when this matter is on the Board's agenda, OWASA will notify owners of land adjacent to OWASA land if a trail is proposed on OWASA land.
- **Accepted criteria for when the Board will review community engagement plans.**
- **Received an update on Strategic Plan initiatives including a preliminary schedule for developing a new Strategic Plan to be adopted in 2017.**

- **Recognized the service of retiring employees Maxine Rich, Accounting Technician; and Patrick Davis, Sustainability Manager.**

*The Board will hold a work session on Thursday, March 10 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>.*