



# 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 April 28, 2016

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### **The Board:**

- **Approved the consultant's scope of work for assistance in planning implementation and in procuring an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system.** AMI uses small, battery-powered transmitters at water meters to frequently send water use data which OWASA and customers can check on line. AMI will enable OWASA to notice more quickly and alert customers about potential leaks in plumbing systems.
- **Received a presentation on Common Customer Inquiries, received public comment on a recent petition, and asked staff to schedule a meeting of the Board's Natural Resources and Technical Systems Committee to discuss OWASA's drinking water disinfectant and effects on plumbing systems.** Staff presented information about common inquiries received from customers regarding drinking water. Customers commented on their experiences, deterioration of rubber and the release of zinc from brass in plumbing systems.
- **Awarded the contract for replacing water pipes on part of East Rosemary, Henderson and Hillsborough Streets.** The \$2 million project is to begin in June and be complete in the spring of 2017.
- **Received a report on costs and revenue from July 2015 through March 2016.** OWASA continues to meet its financial objectives. The Board and staff discussed the reasons for staff's projection that capital spending will be less than expected.

*The Board will hold a work session on Thursday, May 12 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>.*