



# 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 October 27, 2016

**Please note:** *The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board of Directors. Audio recordings of OWASA Board meetings and the Board's minutes, when adopted, are available for review. Video recordings are available for Board meetings at the Chapel Hill Town Hall on fourth Thursdays of most months.*

### The Board of Directors:

- **Received comments in a public hearing on the possibility of changing the water volume charge for multi-family master-metered customers from seasonal rates, which vary by time of year, to a year-round rate.** The Board discussed the matter and agreed to consider making a decision on December 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the possible change to a year-round rate.
- **Authorized staff to publicize proposed changes in OWASA's ordinance regarding backflow prevention.** The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent water from the consumer's plumbing system from flowing backward and potentially contaminating OWASA's public water supply. Proposed changes include standardizing the type of backflow preventer required in new construction, renovations, changes of use and whenever a backflow preventer is replaced. The proposed changes could affect about 700 customers in non-residential locations and at residences with pools and irrigation systems where backflow prevention devices are required. The OWASA Board will receive comments on the proposed ordinance changes on December 8<sup>th</sup> and may make a decision then or at a later meeting.
- **Received the 2016 report on strategic trends regarding OWASA's water, sewer and reclaimed water services.**
- **Received the final Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for July 2015 through June 2016.**
- **Received a report on revenues and costs from July through September.** We continue to meet all financial goals.
- **Recognized employees who have reached service milestones of 10, 15, 20 and 30 years.**

*The Board will hold a special meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss diversity and inclusion, and will hold a work session on Thursday, November 10 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>.*