



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 March 24, 2016

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The Board:

- **After receiving and considering input from the community, determined that full implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project is in the best interests of its customers, and authorized staff to proceed with the procurement process and implementation planning, including an investigation of giving customers the choice to opt out of having an AMI meter.**
- **Received staff's recommendation that an increase in monthly rates for water and sewer services is not needed for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 - June 2017).** The Board continues to review Fiscal Year 2017 Budget information and expects to finalize and approve it in June 2016.
- **Scheduled a public hearing on May 26th on the proposed rates, fees and charges for OWASA's services.** A public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget is also scheduled for May 26th.
- **Discussed alternative approaches for charging multi-family, master-metered customers for water and sewer services.** The Board agreed to continue deliberations on a date to be determined.
- **Received a staff report recommending that OWASA continue to acquire easements for new infrastructure and when opportunities arise for older sewer lines where there is no recorded easement.**

OWASA staff expressed condolences to the family of the late Stuart Carson, who served as OWASA's Engineering Manager for the Capital Improvements Program from 2005 to 2015.

The Board will hold a work session on Thursday, April 14 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>.