



# 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' Public Hearings and Meeting on May 26, 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 to citizens for review. Video recordings are available for Board meetings at the Chapel Hill Town Hall on fourth Thursdays of most months.*

### **The Board:**

- **Held public hearings on the proposed budget for July 2016 through June 2017 and rates proposed to go into effect in October.** No changes in monthly charges are proposed but some other fees would be adjusted based on changes in the costs of providing the service. If the proposal is approved, Fiscal Year 2017 would be the fifth in a row with no changes in monthly rates. There were no comments from customers or other stakeholders.
- **Approved a revised charter for developing OWASA's energy management program and reviewed an update on OWASA's energy use.** In the coming months, OWASA will be working with stakeholders to finalize OWASA's first energy management plan by February 2017.
- **Awarded a contract for building facilities at the Cane Creek Reservoir to add a compound (sodium permanganate) to the raw water. Permanganate is used to reduce taste- and odor-causing compounds in the water and improve the efficiency of our water treatment process.**

*The Board will hold a work session on Thursday, June 9 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>.*