



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 July 12, 2012 OWASA Board Meeting

Please note: The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board. Audio recordings of the OWASA Board's meetings and the Board's official minutes, when adopted, are available to citizens for review. Video recordings of OWASA Board meetings in the Chapel Hill Town Hall on the fourth Thursdays of the month are also available.

- **Stephen Dear took the oath of office as a new Board Member.** The Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen recently appointed Mr. Dear to the OWASA Board. Mr. Dear is the Executive Director of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.
- **The Board received and discussed a report on customers' responses to OWASA's Customer Satisfaction Survey in the spring of 2012.** Staff will make a follow-up report at an upcoming meeting regarding themes in customers' comments and communications and service items for future action in light of their feedback.
- **The Board discussed the next steps in implementing a Board-approved plan for managing the forest lands on OWASA's 490-acre Cane Creek Mitigation Tract.** The plan was developed by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and is being implemented as a condition of the Federal permit for construction of the Cane Creek Reservoir in western Orange County. The next phase of work involves construction of a stream crossing and interior access road. The Board discussed plans to inform interested citizens about the work, and to clarify that these permit compliance activities on the Mitigation Tract are separate from the discussion of sustainable management of OWASA's other forest lands.
- **The Board received a report on hiring of a firm that will inspect and evaluate 13 miles of high priority sewers and 520 manholes.** The evaluation will be used to prioritize future sewer system rehabilitation and replacement decisions and investments.
- **Alan Rimer, the new Chair of the OWASA Board, reported on Board Members' new memberships on the Finance, Natural Resources/Technical Systems and Human Resources Committees.**
- **The Board reclassified a vacant administrative assistant position to half time and reclassified a vacant maintenance supervisor position to maintenance coordinator to enhance maintenance and management of assets at the OWASA water and wastewater treatment plants.**

- **Cancelled the July 26th and August 9th meetings.** The Board's next scheduled business meeting will be on Thursday, August 23rd at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

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