



## 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 25, 2012

*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.*

#### **The OWASA Board:**

- **Received an update on strategic trends and planning issues.** Key points included:
  - Drinking water sales from July, 2011 through June, 2012 were 27% less than in the same months of 2001-02 despite a 14% increase in the customer base.
  - Drinking water demand in 2011-12 was the lowest since 1991.
  - OWASA will not have to expand the capacity of its water or wastewater treatment plants within the next 15 years due, in part, to these trends of lower demand.
  - OWASA will continue to emphasize water conservation and access to Jordan Lake as "drought insurance," especially until the expanded Quarry Reservoir is available in 2035.
- **Received and discussed a consultant's report and staff recommendations regarding compensation and classification of OWASA employees.** The Board will consider this matter further in its meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Received a status report on local governments' consideration of water- and sewer-related mitigation in the Historic Rogers Road area including OWASA's cost estimates for extending public sewer lines.**
- **Received a financial report for July through September, 2012.**

*For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/about/board-meetings.aspx>. The OWASA Board's next business meeting will be on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.*