



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 June 13, 2013

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The OWASA Board:

- **Adopted the Fiscal Year 2014 budget, rates effective in October 2013, and the capital program for the next five years.**

For the second consecutive year, monthly rates for water, sewer or reclaimed water service will not increase. Some other fees, such as for meter installation, will increase in October based on updated cost information.

The budget for July 2013 through June 2014 includes \$19.1 million for operations; \$16 million for capital improvements; \$7.9 million for repayment of bond debt; \$650,000 for rate stabilization and capital improvement reserves; and \$525,000 for capital equipment. There are no service changes or new positions. The budget includes funding for merit pay but the Board will decide the amount (percentage of payroll) later this year.

- **Approved recommendations from the Board's Natural Resources and Technical Systems Committee and staff that OWASA continue to fluoridate drinking water and stay abreast of scientific developments, changes in best management practices and accepted public health practices and recommendations regarding fluoridation.**
- **Received an update on plans for discussion with representatives of the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, Orange County, the Inter-Faith Council and other entities about potential organizational and governance options for OWASA's Taste of Hope customer assistance program.**
- **Discontinued the Service Pay benefit effective in July 2013, with an offsetting one-time salary increase for current employees based on their years of service at OWASA.**
- **Re-elected Alan Rimer as Chair and John Young as Vice Chair, and elected Michael Hughes as Secretary effective July 1st.**

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