



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's work session on April 9, 2015

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The Board:

- **Agreed with a staff proposal to study near-term options for recycling dewatered biosolids (treated solids from wastewater) as well as proposed revisions to previously established biosolids management objectives.** Staff plans to report back to the Board in late summer. Several citizens including farmers commented to the Board about biosolids recycling.
- **Received information about the preliminary budget and rate recommendations for the fiscal year from July 2015 through June 2016.** Public hearings are scheduled for May 28. No increases in monthly rates for water, sewer and reclaimed service are proposed, as previously reported.
- **Received a status report on negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina regarding renewal of health and dental insurance for employees.** Staff will provide additional information in upcoming meetings and decisions on renewal are planned for later this spring.
- **Authorized staff to proceed with a customer survey in the late summer or early fall.** OWASA will invite accountholders and system users across the community to participate in the survey.
- **Agreed to schedule a briefing by staff in the April 23 Board meeting on the recently completed preliminary engineering study for extending sewers in the Historic Rogers Road Area.**
- **Discussed its process for annually nominating and electing officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) and agreed to have further discussion in the April 23 Board meeting.**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr, Boulevard. For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>.