



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 September 10, 2015

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The Board:

- **Approved birdwatching at the Cane Creek Reservoir on Wednesdays between 7 and 11 AM from November 11, 2015 to March 16, 2016 (months when the lake is normally closed for recreation).** The Board will review the birdwatching program next year. The Board decided not to schedule a night event for boating or stargazing.
- **Discussed OWASA's rate structures and potential changes, and asked staff to draft a rate study plan for consideration at the October 8th Board meeting.**
- **Authorized merit pay effective on November 2nd for employees who are rated successful (3% increase) or exceptional (6% increase).** The number of employees who can be rated exceptional is limited to about 10% of the workforce.
- **Agreed that on September 24th, the Board will review the charter for and discuss community engagement for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project.** AMI uses meter and radio technology to provide frequent information on water use by customers. A consultant is doing a feasibility study of AMI for OWASA.
- **Agreed to elect a new Vice Chair on September 24th due to the resignation of Board Member Michael Hughes.**
- **Received reports from Board Members appointed by the Town of Chapel Hill about their meeting on September 10th with the Town Council's OWASA Committee.**

The Board will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 24 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>.