
Authorities Budget Office Policy Guidance



Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurements

Name of Public Authority: Orange County Water Authority (OCWA)

Public Authority's Mission Statement:

The Orange County Water Authority ("OCWA") supports the planning of county, municipal and intermunicipal water projects, and assists municipalities with obtaining funding opportunities for water system improvements. The OCWA owns certain water resources that may be utilized for future water system projects. The OCWA participates in planning efforts undertaken by the Orange County Department of Planning and others to provide analyses of County water resources for planning and decision making. Educating the public regarding the importance of safe drinking water is also a component of the OCWA's mission: our programs are focused on water supply, water resource protection, watershed planning, and conservation.

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List of Performance Goals

The OCWA is guided by its adopted Water Master Plan (October 7, 2010) / County Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Performance goals are split into the following categories:

- Conservation
- Energy Efficiency and Water Policy
- Source Water Protection
- Reservoirs
- Protection of Groundwater and Recharge Areas, Rivers, Streams, and Lakes
- Research and Monitoring
- Capital Projects and Potential Interconnections
- New Source Development
- Organizational and Financial Framework Supporting Plan Implementation.

Additional questions:

1. Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?

Yes, all board members have read and understand the mission of the Authority and are guided by the Water Master Plan / County Comprehensive Plan Amendment adopted by the Board of Directors and the Orange County Legislature in October 2010.

2. Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?

The County Executive has the authority to appoint a person to a management position. The Orange County Legislature has the authority to confirm or deny said appointment.

3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?

yes

4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

The Executive Director with the support of staff present topics for discussion and/or action to the Board of Directors so long as it meets the mission of the Authority and listed as an action / priority project in the Water Master Plan. No action is taken until a majority of the Board of Directors is in agreement and votes on said action

5. Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?

Yes