



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 March 23, 2017

Please note: *The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board of Directors. OWASA's [webpage with Board meeting information](#) includes the Board's adopted minutes, agenda materials, staff's meeting summaries, audio recordings of Board meetings on second Thursdays of most months and video recordings of Board meetings on fourth Thursdays of most months.*

The Board of Directors:

- **Approved an action plan to follow up on water line break at Foxcroft Drive on February 3rd which contributed to the water emergency in early February.**
- **Agreed to continue discussing on April 13th the proposed action plan to strengthen reliability and monitoring of the fluoride feed system at the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant (also due to the water emergency in early February).**
- **Discussed the draft budget and rates for July 2017 through June 2018.** Staff advised the Board that no increase in monthly rates will be needed. The Board has scheduled public hearings for Thursday, May 25th.
- **Authorized a new Utilities Engineer position in the Engineering and Planning Department to enhance management of the capital program.**
- **Awarded a contract for renovating about 700 feet of a large pressurized sewer in the Prestwick Road area.** The pipes to be renovated are part of the line which carries a large volume of wastewater from the pump station near Rogerson Drive to the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant.

OWASA staff received an award from Audubon North Carolina for OWASA's forestry work at OWASA's "mitigation" land north of the Cane Creek Reservoir.

Upcoming Board meetings:

- *April 13th at 6 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro*
- *April 27th at 7 PM in the Council Chamber at the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.*