



# ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

*A community-owned agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.*

## Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Public Hearings and Meeting on May 25, 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:

- **Received an update from staff regarding work to resolve taste and odor in drinking water. The earthy taste and odor reported by customers since May 12<sup>th</sup> results from algae in OWASA's lakes. Our water continues to be safe for drinking and other uses.**
- **Held public hearings on the proposed budget for July 2017 through June 2018 and rates proposed to be effective in October 2017.** No increase in monthly rates is needed for the sixth consecutive year. The Board received comments from a customer who opposes funding for fluoridation of drinking water. The Board will consider approving the budget and rates in the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Asked staff to draft a plan by June 2018 for community engagement regarding forestry management.**
- **Asked staff to prepare a plan by June 2018 for solar photovoltaic projects on OWASA land.**
- **Agreed that the Board's Natural Resources and Technical Services Committee will meet to make recommendations on analyzing options for evaluating OWASA land for potential sale.**
- **Discussed a petition to televise Board meetings in Carrboro, and asked staff for additional information.**
- **Approved an agreement with Orange County under which the County will own sewers to be installed in the Rogers Road area and OWASA will operate and maintain them.**

**Chair John Young announced that the Chapel Hill Town Council has reappointed Ruchir Vora and appointed John Morris to serve on the OWASA Board.**

*The next Board meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.*