



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' Meeting on June 8, 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 the month, and videos of Board meetings on fourth Thursdays.

The Board of Directors:

- **Approved the budget for July 2017 through June 2018 (fiscal year 2018), rates to be effective in October 2017 and the 5-year capital improvements program.**

Fiscal Year 2018 is the sixth consecutive year with no increase in OWASA's monthly rates for water, sewer and reclaimed water service.

Key initiatives in the coming budget year include starting implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project, which will make it easier for OWASA and customers to identify potential leaks; and energy efficiency investments to reduce OWASA's use of conventional fuels and related greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Received an update from staff on work to resolve taste and odor in drinking water.** The taste and odor reported by customers since mid-May results from organic compounds related to growth of algae in OWASA's reservoirs.

OWASA has changed some water treatment processes and is releasing water from fire hydrants and valves throughout the 380-mile pipe system to replace water with taste and odor with fresh water from the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant.

- **Received a status report on OWASA's diversity and inclusion program and a presentation by OWASA's diversity and inclusion consultants, VISIONS, Inc.**
- **Elected Robert Morgan as Chair, Heather Payne as Vice Chair and Yinka Ayankoya as Secretary of the Board effective on July 1st.**
- **Adopted resolutions honoring the service of retiring Board Members Terri Buckner and Dr. David H. Moreau.**
- **Approved a minor change in the Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement among OWASA, Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough.**

- **Awarded a contract for replacing water lines on Hillsborough Street from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to a point near North Street.**

*The Board will meet on **Thursday, August 10th** at 6 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro. The Board meetings on June 22nd, and July 13th and 27th are cancelled.*