



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 24, 2018

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 agenda and related information for the May 24th public hearings and meeting are available [here](#).*

The Board of Directors:

- **Held public hearings on the Preliminary Annual Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for Fiscal Year July 2018 through June 2019 (FY 2019) and proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges.** The Board will consider approving the budget and rates in the June 14th meeting. A 2% increase in monthly rates is proposed to be effective in October 1, 2018. For the average residential customer using 4,000 gallons per month, a 2% rate increase would add \$1.41 to the monthly OWASA bill.

In July 2017 a new NC Statute (NC House Bill 436/Session Law 2017-138) was passed. The statute requires a change to the way water and sewer utilities calculate system development fees (new service connections). Based on an update of system costs and an analysis of customers' average daily water use, the fees have been reduced. The statute requires that the new fees be effective as of July 1, 2018.

The proposed FY 2019 budget includes: \$22.5 million for operating and maintenance costs of the water, sewer and reclaimed water systems; \$22.6 million for infrastructure (capital improvement) projects to renew, replace and improve water and sewer lines, treatment facilities, etc. to help maintain the quality and reliability of service and the structural integrity of the water and sewer systems; \$7.2 million in debt payments for previously-completed infrastructure/capital projects.

- **Approved a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvements Program.**
- **Chair Robert Morgan announced that the Chapel Hill Town Council has reappointed Jeff Danner and appointed Bruce Boehm to serve on the OWASA Board.**

*The Board will hold its next meeting on Thursday, **June 14, 2018** at 6 PM in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.*