



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' Work Session on February 14, 2019

Please note: The summary below was prepared by staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board. 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 agenda and related information for the February 14th meeting are available [here](#).

The Board of Directors:

- **Authorized staff to further accelerate the valve exercise program** including renting an additional valve exercise machine and filling two unfunded Utility Mechanic positions to improve water system resiliency.
- **Reviewed and discussed the scope of water distribution system prioritization model** which will be used to guide infrastructure investment decisions and develop operational strategies to manage the water distribution system.
- **Authorized staff to develop a Community Engagement Plan for Forestry Management for review at a future meeting.**
- **Approved construction contract** for University Lake Raw Water Pump Station Improvements which will improve the reliability of pumping from the water supply reservoir to the water treatment plant and sole source procurement of grit removal equipment at the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant which will improve the removal of grit and sand from the incoming sewage, reducing the overall cost of treatment.
- **Approved resolution accepting four low-interest loan offers from the State of North Carolina** and authorizing the Executive Director to execute and administer all related loan offer and acceptance documents.
- **Agreed to nominate and select a new Vice Chair at the February 28, 2019 Board meeting due to the resignation of Board Member Jeff Danner.**

The Board will hold its next two meetings on Thursday, **February 28, 2019** at 6 PM in the OWASA Boardroom, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro and Thursday, **March 14, 2019** at 6 PM in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.