



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 March 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 March 14th meeting are available [here](#).

The Board of Directors:

- **Recognized the distinguished service of Randy T. Horton, Distribution and Collection System Manager**, who will retire on March 31, 2019 with over 42 years of dedicated service to OWASA and the Carrboro-Chapel Hill-Orange County community.
- **Agreed to modify the monthly charge for manual read meters to equal the amount charged for other customer site visits, such as service initiations.** The rate change will go into effect October 1, 2019.
- **Authorized the use of the raw water demand projections, which include a range to capture uncertainty in demand projects, as the basis to evaluate water supply and demand management options to meet the community's 2070 water needs.**
- **Discussed the draft operating expense budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 (July 2019 through June 2020).** At its meeting on March 28, 2019, the Board will discuss and review the FY 2020 capital expenditure and capital improvements plan budgets as well as additional information about the operating budget; staff will also present rate adjustment information.
- **Received an update on OWASA's Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Program** from the Diversity Resource Group which is made up of employee volunteers to help guide and promote D&I efforts.
- **Approved sole source procurement of a new Belt Filter Press for the Jones Ferry Road Water Treatment Plant** which allows the design of the new belt filter press project to move forward with consistency between the existing dewatering technology and future equipment for overall water treatment plant resiliency and reliability.
- **Received and discussed draft approaches to secure access to OWASA's Jordan Lake Allocation.**
- **Agreed that Ray DuBose will serve on Orange County's Climate Committee.**
- **Approved updating the Policy on Confidentiality of Individual Customer's Billing and Water-Consumption Records and Data.**
- **Approved a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to apply for Loans from the State of North Carolina.**

The Board will hold its next two meetings on Thursday, **March 28, 2019** at 7 PM in Council Chamber at the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Chapel Hill and Thursday, **April 11, 2019** at 6 PM in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.