



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' Meeting on March 28, 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 28th meeting are available [here](#).

The Board of Directors:

- **Approved a construction contract for the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Thickening Improvements and Headworks Rehabilitation.** This work will replace aging equipment with more efficient equipment and repair a critical concrete structure. The projects were identified by our asset management process as critical to maintaining system reliability.
- **Approved the proposed 2019 Energy Management Plan Update and authorized staff to proceed in implementing the program as proposed.** OWASA has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions from its electricity and natural gas use by 40% and annually saves over \$400,000 in electricity and natural gas expenses. The 2019 Plan proposes the issuance of a request of proposals for a solar lease agreement, as well as the pursuit and evaluation of other energy savings initiatives, with the goal of reducing purchased electricity by 35%.
- **Discussed the draft budget and rate information for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 2019 through June 2020);** staff will provide additional information including potential rate adjustments options at the Board's April 11th Work Session.
- **Scheduled Public Hearings for May 23, 2019 on OWASA's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and proposed revisions to OWASA's Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges.**
- **Discussed the Human Resources Committee's recommendations on retiree health insurance benefit and deferred compensation (457) plan benefits.** The Board will continue discussions on these two topics at future meetings after feedback is received from employees.

The Board will hold its next two meetings on Thursday, **April 11, 2019** at 6 PM in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro and Thursday, **April 25, 2019** at 7 PM in Council Chamber at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Chapel Hill.