



# 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 April 25, 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 April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting are available [here](#).

### The Board of Directors:

- **Discussed the FY 2020 budget and rate adjustment options and authorized staff to publish information about the draft budget and schedule of rates, fees and charges.** The staff proposed rate increase for monthly water and sewer rates is 5%. Public hearings on the draft budget and rates are scheduled for May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Town Hall.
- **Received an update on the Rogerson Drive Wastewater Force Main Repair.** Work continues around the clock to complete this important repair as well as keep the community informed.
- **Received a presentation on the launch of OWASA's Agua Vista web portal.** Customers can sign-up at [owasa.org](http://owasa.org); 15% of eligible customers have signed-up.
- **Received an update on the use of OWASA's Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer for the analysis of taste and odor compounds in drinking water.** This instrument allows OWASA staff to cost-effectively ensure safe and aesthetically pleasing drinking water.
- **Approved a construction contract for the Fordham Boulevard Service Road Water Main Replacement.** This work will replace an 8-inch waterline along Fordham Service road with a 12-inch line and install a 16-inch line under Fordham Boulevard to replace aging infrastructure and increase the reliability of our water distribution system.
- **Received the Financial Report for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2019.** All performance measurement targets were met for the period except for meeting the target balance in the working capital reserve. FY 2019 net income is forecasted to be about \$800,000 less than budgeted for the year. The Board will consider a budget amendment at its May 9, 2019 meeting.
- **Authorized General Counsel and staff to communicate to our legislative representatives and local governments OWASA's opposition to the funding mechanism proposed in Senate Bill 536/House Bill 570.**

The Board will hold its next two meetings on Thursday, **May 9, 2019** at 6 PM in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro and Thursday, **May 23, 2019** at 7 PM in Council Chamber at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Chapel Hill.