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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 June 13, 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 June 13th meeting are available here.*

The Board of Directors:

- Approved the Annual Operating and Capital Improvements Program Budgets for July 2019 through June 2020 (Fiscal Year 2020); Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges Effective on or after October 1, 2019.

  The Annual Budget includes projected operating revenues which are based on a 5% increase in OWASA's monthly water and sewer rates. A 5% increase in monthly water and sewer rates will increase the average OWASA family's bill by $3.60 per month and the increase will help provide funding for Fiscal Year 2020 expenditures including $26.4 million to replace and repair aging infrastructure.

- Approved a construction contract to award the Dobbins Drive water and sewer main replacement project; this project will replace and upsize the water distribution and wastewater collection pipes in a critical part of the service area increasing system capacity and reliability.

- Received an update on monitoring, ongoing state and federal research, regulatory interest, on compounds of emerging concern in drinking water and wastewater. OWASA's water is safe and maintains full compliance with all Federal and State regulations and health advisory levels.

- Approved the Human Resources Committee's recommendations on retiree health insurance benefit and deferred compensation (457) plan benefits.

- Authorized the Executive Director to execute the Western Intake Partnership Memorandum of Agreement, a proposed partnership with the City of Durham, Town of Pittsboro, and Chatham County to cost-share studies to evaluate a new intake and water treatment plant on the western side of Jordan Lake. Participating in the Western Intake Partnership will better enable OWASA to evaluate strategies to guarantee access to our Jordan Lake allocation during drought and operational emergency.

- Adopted a resolution honoring the service of retiring Board Member John A. Young.

- Elected Ray DuBose as Chair, Ruchir Vora as Vice Chair and Bruce Boehm as Secretary of the Board of Directors effective on July 1, 2019.

- Agreed to cancel the June 27, July 25 and August 8 Board meetings.

The Board will hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6 PM in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro.