Orange Water and Sewer Authority
OWASA is Carrboro-Chapel Hill's not-for-profit public service agency
delivering high quality water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services.

Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Meeting on August 22, 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 August 22nd meeting are available here.*

The Board of Directors:

- Approved a Vision Statement and Guiding Principles for management of OWASA's forested lands as follows:

  Vision Statement: *Protect water quality now and for future generations by following science-based principles to manage our forest lands so they are healthy, diverse, resilient, and sustainable.*

  Guiding Principles: OWASA plans to achieve its Vision through the application of seven guiding principles for our forest management program, forest stewardship plans, decisions, and actions:

  - Protect Water Quality, OWASA's Highest Priority
  - Improve Ecological Health of Forested Land
  - Reduce the Risk of Wildfire
  - Improve Wildlife Habitat and Species Diversity
  - Sustainably Manage OWASA's Resources
  - Engage the Community and Partner Agencies
  - Minimize Adverse Impacts on Neighbors and Surrounding Community

- Received and discussed the semi-annual report on capital projects. OWASA invested approximately $17.3 million in a total of 66 capital projects over the past fiscal year and staff continues its efforts to encourage greater participation by Minority and Women Business Enterprise contractors. Continued investment to renew and replace aging infrastructure is critically important to provide reliable water and wastewater services.

- Received the preliminary financial report for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2019. OWASA reported that water and wastewater revenue was approximately equal to the amended budget and operating expenses were 1.8% under budget. The audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is scheduled to be presented on September 26, 2019.

The Board will hold its next two meetings on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6 PM in OWASA's Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro; and Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7 PM in Council Chamber, Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Chapel Hill.