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' Work Session on January 9, 2020

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 January 9th meeting are available here.*

The Board of Directors:

- Approved amendments to OWASA's Sewer Use Ordinance. The ordinance helps protect the community's wastewater infrastructure by establishing standards for what customers can put into the sewer system and the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant. This helps keep costs down by preventing unnecessary sewer repairs.

- Awarded a contract to Martin Starnes & Associates for the Fiscal Year 2020 financial audit.

- Approved the Affordability Outreach Program Update and Plan, Year 5. Through the Affordability Outreach Program, OWASA works with local agencies to help low-income customers reduce their OWASA bills by reducing their water use.

- Received information related to renewing employee health and dental insurance effective July 2020. OWASA engages a consultant to review and negotiate annual insurance cost proposals.

- Received an update on key activities from September through December 2019 for OWASA's Diversity and Inclusion program.

The Board will hold its next two meetings on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7 PM in Council Chamber, Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6 PM in the OWASA Community Room, 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro and.