



## 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 November 12, 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, recordings of Board meetings on second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The agenda and related information for the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting that was held virtually are available [here](#).

#### The Board of Directors:

- Received an update on OWASA's Energy Management Plan. OWASA has surpassed a goal set by the Board of Directors in 2015 to reduce use of natural gas by 5% by 2020, and significant progress has been made to achieve a goal to reduce use of purchased electricity by 35% by 2022. The Energy Management Plan identifies a path to achieve our energy management goals, including the installation of solar lease projects on three to four OWASA facilities.
- Offered feedback on OWASA's Long-Range Water Supply Plan: Drought Response Operating Protocol. OWASA staff are working to update the Long-Range Water Supply Plan to improve the resiliency of OWASA's existing water supply. The Board is scheduled to take action on the Drought Response Operating Protocol in December.
- Approved an amendment to the Water and Sewer Management, Planning and Boundary Agreement. The amendment has been approved by local elected officials in Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, and Carrboro and will extend the service boundary to include lots on Bayberry Drive. The Orange County Board of Commissioners will take action on the item on November 17.
- Approved the process for selecting an audit firm for Fiscal Year 2021.
- Approved a resolution honoring Ruchir Vora for his two terms of service on the OWASA Board of Directors.

The Board will hold its next meeting remotely on Thursday, December 10, 2020, via Microsoft Teams at 6 PM; a link will be provided on OWASA's website at [www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings](http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings).

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