



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' Work Session on September 8, 2016

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The Board:

- **Decided not to reconsider its decision on August 25th to allow, subject to conditions, the Mountains-to-Sea Trail on OWASA land near the Cane Creek Reservoir.**
- **Called a public hearing on October 27th and authorized staff to publicize a proposed change in the water rate for multi-family master-metered locations such as apartment and condominium neighborhoods.** For multi-family properties served by a master meter, OWASA bills the property owner, rather than individual residences, for water and sewer services. Multi-family, master-metered customers now pay seasonal water rates, which are higher during the peak-demand months from May through September, and lower during the off-peak demand period from October through April. The proposed change is to a year-round, uniform water rate that will not fluctuate throughout the year.
- **Approved OWASA's Energy Management Plan.**
- **Approved the use of a "social cost of carbon" (based on the methodology used by Federal agencies) in the evaluation of clean energy projects.** The social cost of carbon is an economic calculation of the damages associated with greenhouse gas emissions (e.g. changes in agricultural yields, the spread of disease, loss of ecosystem services, etc.).
- **Discussed ideas for improving OWASA's process for developing the annual budget.**

The Board will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>.