



### Utilities Department Status Report for October 2022 (covering September)

PROJECT/CATEGORY	STATUS
WTP/Distribution System	The WTP was on generator power the weekend of 10/1 due to remnants of Hurricane Ian. No customer impacts were evident. The town is seeking consultants to perform holistic water system master planning. Proposals are due towards the end of the month.
WWTP/Collection System	The annual wastewater quality report has been released. Please take a moment to read and share it with the public. The town received a Notice of Violation for a sanitary sewer overflow on Churton Street between West Orange Street and West Union Street on August 24 after 5 p.m. These violations are automated by the state system and while there is an appeal process, it is not worthwhile to pursue as rarely is the violation reversed and, in this case, there is no monetary penalty.
West Fork of the Eno Reservoir	The reservoir is at 41.8 feet. The new Phase 2 normal pool elevation is 53 feet. The releases met or exceeded the minimum required release. The flow transducer replacement is complete. The rainfall from Ian, while 3.5", did not make much difference in the reservoir level. The ground was too dry and absorbed much of the rainfall.
Water Restrictions	We continue Stage 1 withdraw restrictions until flow remains above 10 cfs for 7 consecutive days. Even after Ian, the flow has already subsided to below 10 cfs. Our reservoir releases are increased to make up the difference between our limit and what is needed. The county is assisting with problems at the USGS gauge with low flow readings. Beavers are the likely culprit.
Funding Opportunities	The town has resubmitted some of the spring round applications to the fall round for state and federal grants or loans. These projects include River Pumping Station, OWASA Booster Pumping Station, Lawndale Rehabilitation, Eno River Interceptors, and US70 and Hassel Street Tank.
Staffing	We have a verbal agreement from an excellent candidate for our Environmental Engineering Supervisor! Tentative start date is October 24. We are still looking for one Utility Maintenance Mechanic, a wastewater operator, and a night operator for the water plant. We had three new staff start September 26 in the collection and distribution group: Stephen King, Jorge Lopez and James Pryor.
Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) Activities	Outreach information and table setup is ready. However, the Last Friday's event was cancelled. The next joint meeting with the board will be in November at the workshop. Agenda to be developed in October. Two out of town members will complete their terms in December and not return.