



# IWA QUARTERLY

July, 1981

BILL PAYMENT AT THE OFFICE: Notices in the local newspapers and the heading on your bill have advised you that your bills are now payable at the office or by mail to P.O. Box H, Sanibel, Florida, 33957. The entire Association sends thanks to the Bank of the Islands which has generously collected the bills without charge for several years.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM: Engineering studies are underway in preparation for upgrading water pressure and flow to Captiva and for construction of an East Gulf connection between Nerita Street and East Gulf Drive. The East Gulf connection will loop the system in this area thus providing for more even pressure distribution since water can flow in both directions in a looped system.

WATER USE: On April 15, 1981, IWA pumped a record volume of 2.78 million gallons of water, surpassing the record set last June 17, 1980 of 2.45 million gallons of water. To meet the unforeseeable service demand requires preparedness and advanced planning. A two year lead time is required to design, build and make operable many parts of the IWA system. Financial planning must precede capital expansion.

RISING ELECTRICAL COSTS: In order to minimize IWA electric expenses, several programs have been initiated and others revitalized. A meter which tape records peak demand on a daily basis is being investigated and evaluated for installation at our plants. Plant supervisors are staggering start-up procedures of pumps and other equipment to spread out our peak demand on the system which will reduce our demand charge expense. All other departments in the IWA operation are making every effort to conserve electricity where ever possible.

WATER TESTING: IWA has a comprehensive quality control testing program. Test of dozens of quality aspects are regularly made by the Lee County Health Department, by an independent testing laboratory, and by IWA operating technicians. The many test results IWA receives are compiled monthly and are on file in the office. Any member is welcome to examine the latest figures at the office during regular business hours.

CONSERVATION: A device to reduce water flow from your bathroom shower head is still for sale at the IWA office. The slide rules, "Water Saving Ideas", distributed last winter which showed the effectiveness of water saving techniques are also available. Evening is the most effective time for irrigation as the least amount of evaporation occurs during the coolest parts of the day.

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NEW RATE STRUCTURE: At the public hearing on July 15, 1981, at the County Court House, the Lee County Commission approved the proposed new IWA rate structure. This structure was formulated by the Rate Study Committee, approved by the Board of Directors, and accepted by the membership by proxy and in person at the Annual Meeting. This rate is now in effect. New charges are:

Connection fee per unit - \$ 1,531.00 (plus a meter charge if require  
Monthly Demand Charge - \$ 10.00  
Rate per 1,000 gallons - \$ 2.50

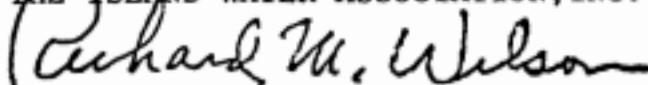
Bills will be prorated equitably to reflect the increase which became effective July 15, 1981.

FINANCIAL: These figures represent the unaudited accounts as of June 30, 1981.

<u>CASH OPERATING EXPENSE</u>	<u>SIX MONTHS OF</u>	
	<u>1981 BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL EXPENDITURES</u>
Salaries & Wages	\$ 204,500	\$ 198,807
Payroll Taxes	15,050	15,180
Professional Fees	24,500	28,646
Utilities	157,500	210,275
Gasoline, Oil, Fuel	10,250	5,984
Corporate Insurance	23,700	22,200
Employee Health & Retirement Plans	22,950	20,987
Office Expense	15,900	15,152
Repair, Maintenance & Supply	187,500	173,212
Customer Service	6,850	5,862
Inventory Purchases	5,000	244
Water Purchases (GPIWA)	85,200	106,865
Training, Conferences	6,250	3,575
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 765,150</b>	<b>\$ 806,989</b>

Sincerely,

THE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.



Richard M. Wilson, President