



THE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Dear Captiva Member:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a progress report on our water main replacement project on Captiva Island, and to alert you to a change in our plans that will directly affect your property.

Engineering and permitting have been ongoing, since our public presentations concerning this project to the Captiva Civic Association on January 23 and the Captiva Community Panel on February 13. We are hoping to submit applications for all the various required permits by the end of March, at which time we will also place a copy of the design drawings in the Captiva library. We are still hopeful that we will be able to begin construction in early Summer, with completion by year-end 2007, or early 2008.

There has been one significant design change since our earlier presentations. We recently had the right-of-way (ROW) surveyed in the section between the two s-curves, in front of Tween Waters Inn. Although the narrow ROW would be adequate for the installation/maintenance of our new water main, it is our engineering judgment that it is not adequate for the installation and safe maintenance of both our new water main and the proposed underground high voltage power lines. We do not want to install our new main under the paved roadway for cost, maintenance and roadway protection reasons. In addition, we have received the final corrosion engineering report on the inspections we performed on our old main in January, which confirmed what we said in our presentations, that corrosion is less severe in this same area. If the condition of the main in this entire area is similar to that at our one inspection point in front of Tween Waters, the main could have a remaining life of 20+/- years. Based on the inadequate ROW for both our new main and the proposed underground power lines, and a better knowledge of the condition of our old main, we have decided to retain the old ductile iron main between the two s-curves. Installation of a new plastic main in this area will be deferred until such time as corrosion and main breaks become a serious problem, and/or until a decision is made not to proceed with the underground power line project. However, it is possible that we will find worse-than-expected corrosion when we tie our new main into the old main at both s-curves. If that is the case, we will proceed with installation of a new plastic main, under the edge of the roadway, as quickly as possible, as a separate project.

Although we believe that the above design change results in an acceptable design for a safe and reliable water system for Captiva, it is not optimum from either a system-life or a storm-protection standpoint. However, it is the only reasonable option available to us, considering site constraints and allowing for possible future utility projects by others.

If you have any questions on this matter, feel free to call me or our Engineering Manager, Rich Calabrese, on (239) 472-1502.

Sincerely,

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General Manager