



City of Sanibel  
Office of the City Manager  
800 Dunlop Rd., Sanibel, FL 33957

January 22, 2026

Dave Harner  
Lee County Manager  
2115 Second Street  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

County Manager Harner,

Yesterday, I received a petition from Island Water Association, Inc. (IWA) requesting a 3-year rate adjustment for water rates that would affect customers in their service area of Sanibel and Captiva. The Petition seeks approval to adjust (increase) water rates by 18% for each of the years 2026, 2027, and 2028, along with membership and other fee adjustments. IWA has not increased water rates for 16 years.

In accordance with Section 8 of the 1995 Franchise Agreement between IWA, Lee County, and the City, I am required to notify Lee County within three days of receiving IWA's Petition for a rate adjustment. Section 8 of the Franchise Agreement also states that Lee County delegates to the Sanibel City Council, the authority to review, consider, and approve rate adjustments for Captiva customers within IWA's service area. I am enclosing a copy of the 1995 Franchise Agreement between (extended in 2015) for your convenience.

The Public Hearing for the Sanibel City Council to hear IWA's Petition will be held on March 3, 2026, with any rate adjustment effective on June 1, 2026.

You may contact Diana Wilson, General Manager for IWA at 239-472-1502 concerning their Petition. Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the process for IWA's petition and Public Hearing before the City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dana A. Souza".

Dana A. Souza  
City Manager