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Abstract

The Martin Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab completed 35 evaluations in the three months starting April 1st 2007 and ending June 30th 2007. These evaluations produced Potential Water Savings (PWS) of 98.8 Ac/Ft per year and Actual Water Savings (AWS) of 13.0 Ac/Ft per year.

The Martin Mobile Irrigation Lab made 38 water conservation presentations contacting 976 people in the process.

Introduction

The Martin Soil and water Conservation District Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab was established in 1998. Its mission is to promote water conservation through on-site evaluations of irrigation systems and conservation education.

Evaluation Methods

There are three levels of evaluation; visual inspection, pressure and flow check, and the catch can test. Visual inspections are conducted first to determine if the system is in disrepair or has poor coverage. If the system is found to be in poor condition the other levels of evaluation are not carried out. Pressure and flow checks on individual sprinkler heads or emitters are carried next. If pressure and flow are found to be uniform a catch can test may be performed to determine optimum run times for the zones in the system.

Evaluation Results

Between April 1st 2007 and June 30th 2007 the Martin MIL performed 31 evaluations on 213.8 acres and discovered Potential Water Savings (PWS) of 96.3 Ac/Ft per year (Table 1). The Martin MIL performed 4 follow-up evaluations and documented Actual Water Savings (AWS) of 13.0 Ac/Ft per year (Tables 1 and 2).

Problems

The Martin Mobile Irrigation Lab found the two most prevalent problems were “Turf and landscape area irrigated in same zone” (10) and “Operating time too frequent” (52).

Attachment # 1: _____ County MIL

MIL ID: 10 FY: 2007 Quarter: 3

Zipcode	ID #	county		System			Water					Problems	4PWS	5FAWS	6IAWS	FU		
		Acres	ID	Soil	Type	Crop	1TDS	pH	Source	Pump	Motor		2DU	3EU	Ac-Ft		Ac-Ft	Ac-Ft
34996	101	1.0	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	197	7.4	Well	Cent	Electric	65		10,50,52	1.9			N
34996	102	0.9	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	197	7.4	Well	Cent	Electric	65		10,50,52	1.2			N
34996	103	0.9	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	197	7.4	Well	Cent	Electric	65		10,50,52	3.6			N
34996	104	0.9	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	197	7.4	Well	Cent	Electric	65		10,50,52	3.4			N
34996	105	1.2	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	197	7.4	Well	Cent	Electric	65		10,50,52	2.8			N
34996	106	1.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	197	7.4	Well	Cent	Electric	65		10,50,52	2.6			N
33455	107	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,20,52	1.1			N
33455	108	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,50,52	0.3			N
33455	109	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,40,50	0.3			N
33455	110	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,20,52	0.2			N
33455	111	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,31,52	0.3			N
33455	112	0.4	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	399	6.9	Lake	Cent	Electric	65		40,50,52	1.2			N
33455	113	0.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	399	6.9	Lake	Cent	Electric	65		30,50,52	4.1			N
34957	114	0.2	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	109	7.9	City			65		10,52,53	0.6			N
33455	115	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,41,52	0.3			N
33455	116	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,50,52	0.3			N
34996	117	28.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	689	8	Reuse	Cent	Electric	65		10,52	9.4			N
34996	118	28.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	689	8	Reuse	Cent	Electric	65		10,52	9.4			N
34996	119	28.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	689	8	Reuse	Cent	Electric	65		10,52	9.4			N
34996	120	28.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	689	8	Reuse	Cent	Electric	65		10,52	9.4			N
34996	121	28.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	689	8	Reuse	Cent	Electric	65		10,52	9.4			N
34996	122	28.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	689	8	Reuse	Cent	Electric	65		10,52	9.4			N
34996	123	28.6	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	689	8	Reuse	Cent	Electric	65		10,52	9.4			N
33455	124	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	399	6.9	Lake	Cent	Electric	65		40,50,52	3.3			N
33455	125	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,20,50	0.5			N
33455	126	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,20,50	0.2			N
33455	127	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	217	7.8	City			65		10,40,52	0.4			N
33455	128	0.3	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	218	7.8	City			65		10,50,52	0.2			N
34956	129	0.1	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	210	7.9	City			65		10,20	0.6			N
34957	130	0.1	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	214	8.6	City			65		10,30	0.8			N
34957	131	0.1	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	184	8.4	City			65		10,20	0.3			N
33455	132	0.9	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	407	6.7	City			65		30,50,52	0.5	3.1		Y
33455	133	0.9	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	407	6.7	City			65		30,50,52	0.8	5.3		Y
33455	134	0.5	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	407	6.7	City			65		30,50,52	0.5	2.2		Y
33455	135	0.5	10.0	34	Sprinkler	Turf	407	6.7	City			65		30,50,52	0.8	2.5		Y
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- 1. Total dissolved solids 4. Potential water savings
- 2. Distribution uniformity 5. Follow up actual water savings
- 3. Emitter uniformity 6. Instant actual water savings

Appendix A Definitions

AWS and PWS Definitions

The goal of an irrigation evaluation is to determine the capacity and efficiency of an irrigation system. This information is then used to develop a sound Irrigation Water Management Plan in which, irrigation water is applied only when needed and only in amounts which can be fully utilized by healthy plants.

Properly managed irrigation is used to supplement natural rainfall. The amount of irrigation required annually is the Net Irrigation Requirement (NIR) and is defined as;

$$\text{NIR} = \text{Crop water requirement} - \text{Effective rainfall}$$

The efficiency of an irrigation system is defined in terms of Distribution Uniformity (DU) for sprinklers and Emission Uniformity (EU) for microirrigation. These terms are defined in the [USDA-NRCS Urban Irrigation Evaluation Manual](#). These numbers, in the form of percentages, are used to calculate the run times of irrigation events. The annual water use of a properly managed irrigation system is;

$$\text{Gross application} = \text{NIR/DU or EU}$$

Potential Water Savings (PWS) – The total amount of irrigation water that can be saved annually by following the recommendations derived from an irrigation system evaluation.

$PWS_{(\text{management})}$ - The amount of irrigation water that can be saved annually by schedule changes (run time and frequency) alone.

$$\text{PWS}(\text{man}) = \text{measured water use} - \text{projected water use}$$

$PWS(\text{design})$ – The additional amount of irrigation water that can be saved annually by improving the performance of the system and readjusting the schedule.

$$\text{NIR/DU}_{(\text{present})} - \text{NIR/DU}_{(\text{projected})}$$

Actual Water Savings (AWS) - The total amount of water which is saved for a period of 1 year as a direct result of following the recommendations derived from an irrigation system evaluation.

Instant AWS can be achieved if repairs are made, resulting in quantifiable water savings or if the controller settings are adjusted (schedule change) at the time of the evaluation or when the report is delivered.

AWS schedule changes can be documented in person or by phone and AWS design and repairs can be documented by follow-up evaluations.

Appendix B Methods

The following definitions and formulas are taken from the “Mobile Irrigation Laboratory Urban Irrigation Evaluation & Troubleshooting Training Manual” (Mickler1998).

1. Determine average application rate (Meter records water use in gallons)

$$AAR = \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Area} \times \text{Time}} \times 5775.4 \quad \text{OR} \quad AAR = \frac{\text{Final Reading} - \text{Initial reading}}{\text{Area} \times \text{Operating Time}} \times 96.25$$

Where *Average application rate* = Inches per hour (iph)
Volume = Volume required for needle in water meter to make one complete revolution (gal)
Area = Irrigated area (ft²)
Time = Time required for needle in water meter to make one complete revolution (s)

No water meter present

$$\text{Flow rate} = \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Time}} \times 0.01585 \quad \text{OR} \quad AAR = \frac{\text{Total Flow Rate}}{\text{Area}} \times 96.25$$

Where *Flow rate* = Gallons per minute (GPM)
Volume = Volume collected (ml)
Time = Time that water was collected (s)

2. Determine distribution uniformity

$$DU = \frac{\text{Low quarter average}}{\text{Total average}} \times 100 \quad \text{OR} \quad \text{Use DU estimate sheet}$$

When *DU* = Distribution uniformity in percent
Low quarter average = Average volume in the 25% of cans that received the least water (ml)
Total average = Average volume of all cans (ml)

3. Determine the effective application rate

$$\text{Effective application rate} = \text{Average application rate} \times DU$$

4. Calculate operating time

$$\text{Watering time} = \frac{\text{Plant water requirement}}{\text{Effective application rate}} \times 60$$

Where *Watering time* = Suggested time that a zone should be operated (min)
Plant watering requirement = 0.5 or 0.25 depending on location (in)
Effective application rate = From step 3 (iph)

5. Determine water used per operating cycle

When used per operating cycle is calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{Current usage} = \text{Flow rate} \times \text{time}$$

Where *Current usage* = Total water used for a given zone per irrigation cycle (gal)
Flow rate = Determined from equations below (gpm)
Time = Time a zone is operated during a scheduled irrigation cycle (min)

Appendix C

Problem Descriptions - Problems are irrigation system or management factors that limit irrigation system performance or efficiency. Problems are noted during the site visit, system evaluation, and/or through discussions with the operator.

Code	Description of Problems
Pressure / Application Rate	
1	Under-sized pump for number and type of sprinkler heads or emitters
2	Pressure loss between pump and sprinklers/emitters due to inadequate pipe size
3	Higher pressure than manufacturer's specifications
4	Lower pressure than manufacturer's specifications
5	Low pressure due to water supply
6	Different pressure between manifolds
7	Small wetted area
8	Application rate > soil infiltration rate (ponding)
9	Air in pipelines
10	Turf and landscape area irrigated in the same zone
11	Pressure variation due to elevation differences
Emitters / Sprinklers	
20	Mixed sprinkler/emitter sizes & unmatched precipitation in the same zone
21	Mixed sprinkler/emitter brands or types in the same zone
22	Poor emitter/sprinkler uniformity due to worn orifice
23	Poor overlap due to improper sprinkler/emitter alignment or spacing
24	Various riser heights in same zone
25	Emitter/sprinkler spacing varies in same zone
26	Missing/malfunctioning emitters or sprinklers
27	Missing/malfunctioning pressure gauge/regulator/filter
Maintenance - Irrigation System	
30	Leaks and broken valves, pipe, laterals lines (Poly-tubing), emitters, sprinklers
31	Clogged filter or filter screen
32	Sprinkler heads not properly adjusted, causing overflow on paved areas
33	Clogged emitters/nozzles (due to biological, chemical or physical factors)
34	Leaning sprinklers/emitters causing non-uniform distribution
35	Malfunctioning valves
Maintenance – Landscape	
40	Stream of water blocked by vegetation
41	Variable crop spacing and stage of growth
42	Poor drainage, requiring water control
Operation / Management	
50	Operating time too long
51	Operating time too short
52	Operating time too frequent
53	No rain shut-off device
54	No soil moisture measuring device or rain gage
55	No irrigation water management plan

Appendix D

MARTIN COUNTY SOIL TYPES

<u>SYMBOL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SYMBOL</u>	<u>NAME</u>
2	Lawnwood fine sand	42	Hallandale sand
3	Lawnwood fine sand, depressional	44	Boca fine sand
4	Waveland sand	45	Hilolo fine sand
5	Waveland sand, depressional	46	Sanibel muck
6	Paola sand, 0 to 8% slope	47	Pinellas fine sand
7	St. Lucie sand, 0 to 8% slope	48	Jupiter sand
8	Palm Beach sand, 0 to 8% slope	49	Riviera fine sand, depressional
9	Pomello sand, 0 to 5% slope	50	Okeelanta Variant, muck
10	Basinger fine sand, depressional	51	Pompano fine sand, occ. flooded
12	St. Johns Variant sand	52	Malabar sand
13	Placid sand	53	Arents, 2 to 35% slope
14	Satellite Variant sand	54	Oldsmar fine sand, depressional
15	Electra fine sand	55	Basinger fine sand
16	Oldsmar fine sand	56	Wabasso sand, depressional
17	Wabasso sand	57	Chobee loamy sand
19	Winder sand	58	Gator muck
20	Riviera fine sand	60	Tequesta variant muck
21	Pineda sand	61	Hobe fine sand, 0 to 5% slope
22	Okeelanta muck	62	Nettles sand, depressional
23	Urban land	63	Nettles sand
24	Orsino sand, 0 to 5% slope	64	EauGallie fine sand
25	Beaches	65	Tuscawilla sand
26	Pompano fine sand	66	Holopaw fine sand
27	Arents, organic substrat, 0 to 2% slope	67	Aquents, frequently flooded
28	Canaveral sand, 0 to 5% slope	68	Pits
29	Canaveral sand, 0 to 5% slope	69	Hontoon muck
30	Bessie muck	70	Canova Variant muck
31	Cocoa Variant sand	72	Adamsville Variant sand, 0 to 5% slope
32	Udorthents, 0 to 35% slope	73	Samsula muck
33	Paola-Urban land complex, 0/8% slope	74	Torry muck
34	St. Lucie-Urban land complex, 0/8%	75	Ft. Drum fine sand
35	Salerno sand	76	Valkaria fine sand
36	Arents, 0 to 2% slope	77	St. Lucie sand, 8 to 20% slope
38	Floridana fine sand, depressional	78	Pomello Variant fine sand
39	Quartzipsamments, 0 to 8% slope	79	Terra Ceia Variant muck
40	Sanibel muck	86	Paola sand, 8 to 20% slope
41	Jonathan sand, 0 to 5% slope		

Appendix E

Software programs utilized:

- a.) **Microsoft Excel**
Corel Quatro Pro - For Spreadsheet programs
- b.) **Microsoft Word**
Word Perfect - For word processors
- c.) **Adobe Photo Shop 7.0** - For scanning & photo manipulation
- d.) **Microsoft Streets2005** - For location maps
- e.) **Sierra Land Design** - For irrigation design & illustration
- f.) **Microsoft Office2005** - For Publications (web site, flyers, award certificates, presentations, etc. etc..)
- g.) **Adobe Acrobat 6.0** – For reports published on the internet and transferred by E-mail

Appendix F

Program History

(Brief history of individual lab.)

(Brief history of Florida's MIL program)

Lab Start Dates

1988 Lower West coast MIL
1992 South Dade MIL
1992 Indian River Lagoon MIL
1994 Palm Beach MIL
1994 Lee MIL
1998 Martin MIL
2000 St. Lucie MIL
2001 Big Cypress Basin MIL

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