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Jordan River	Community water system?	5	Yes	rain water from metal roof on house	No	No	No	
Otter Point	Community water system?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Community water system?	5	Yes	Rainfall collection for yard watering	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Community water system?	5	Yes	well	No	Yes	Yes	I'm also very concerned with the cost of water
Otter Point	Community water system?	3	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	I am concerned with the encroachment of houses and septic tanks around Kemp Lake and the lack of some type of security or scrutiny of activities on or in the immediate proximity of the lake that could threaten the water quality.
Otter Point	Community water system?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Community water system?	5	No		No	Yes	Yes	I'd like to see the pros and cons of having the Kemp Lake WW system fed by the CRD Water system. Locating the drinking water source in the middle of the community strikes me as far from ideal. Drinking watersheds are usually protected from residential and farming pollution sources; Kemp Lake is in the midst of them. It does not seem a sustainable source for the long run.
Otter Point	Community water system?	5	Yes	Private well, water delivery	Yes	Yes	Yes	Aquifer contamination, encroachment, diversion
Otter Point	Community water system?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	I am concerned that the watershed around Kemp Lake is not protected from pollution. Specifically, the industrial area east of the lake and the dumping just above the lake of potentially toxic materials from dredging the new marina below Butler Main on the West Coast Highway.
Otter Point	Community water system?	5	No		No	No	No	
Otter Point	Community water system?	5	No		No	No	Yes	
Otter Point	Community water system?	5	Yes	Altered drainage, rainwater collection	No	No	Yes	we have a high end filtration system for our drinking water
Otter Point	Community water system?	2	Yes	Bottled water	Yes	Yes	Yes	On Kemp Lake water. Worse colour, odor, taste than in 3rd world countries.
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	5	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	5	No		No	No	Yes	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	5	No		No	No	No	I would urge everyone on a well to have their water tested for chemistry at least once, and regularly for pathogens
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	4	No		No	No	Yes	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	2	Yes	Considered putting in more storage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Would like to see movement towards installing CRD water system
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	2	Yes	obtain city water to our neighborhood	No	No	Yes	I live in the Demamiel Creek subdivision, some of my neighbor's wells have gone dry. We would support pursuing city water to our area.
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	5	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	These concerns were amplified when attending the meeting with Brotherston about the proposed new housing development up Clarke road. I attended a workshop a few years ago where the CRD showed the mapping of water sources for wells in Saanich; but I understood at that time that nothing like that was available -- yet -- for our area.
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	4	Yes	rainwater to cistern for garden needs	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	5	No		No	No	No	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	3	Yes	shallow dug well with storage cistern used for outdoor gardening; buried cistern for storage from drilled well; rainwater collection in barrels for gardening.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Well has run dry for 3 weeks in November previously. Have to monitor spacing of water use and volume each day (choose between laundry, bathing, dishes, etc.).
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	4	Yes	storage container	No	No	Yes	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	1	Yes	I buy from a water truck 5 months a year	Yes	Yes	Yes	What about fire protection??We need water now..!
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	3	Yes	rain water collection	Yes	Yes	Yes	allowing the expansion of water systems where development is allowed to reduce pressures on existing wells
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	5	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Currently we are fortunate to have great water, and through good management practices, enough to meet our needs. If the trend holds with more "4 on 10" development in our area, we may be at risk of a diminishing water resource, despite our own careful management of our water supply.

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Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?	4	Yes	Rainwater capture for yard and garden watering	No	No	Yes	We are on 10 acres surrounded by properties with deep wells. Some never produced or did at one time but don't now. Water can be hard to get for some even at 500 feet or more. Bringing piped water to parts of the community with 2, 5 and 10 acre properties might be desirable - especially for fire protection, but will be a high expense. Allowing infill development without demanding that adequate water is available is unacceptable, dishonest and harmful to both the unsuspecting person who buys that property and the surrounding property owners who may see their well's productivity diminish.
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?, Shallow (dug) well?	4	Yes	roof rain water catchment	Yes	Yes	Yes	concern regarding impact of upland development on deep groundwater
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?, Shallow (dug) well?, Water delivery?	1	Yes	Connection to CRD water supply is what we want	Yes	Yes	Yes	We are in Demamiel Creek Estates and our water supply has diminished since drilling at The Woods. Since then we have had to have water trucked in. The CRD has a responsibility to ensure an adequate water supply to the residents of Otter Point when it is considering the approval of subdivisions in the area.
Otter Point	Deep (drilled) well?, Water delivery?	4	Yes	water storage tank	Yes	Yes	Yes	plans should be made for expansion of CRD water into outlying areas
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Water is essential for household drinking supply but also essential for fire protection. I believe everyone should have access to quality drinking water just the same as we have access to electricity. Water should not be used to control development because this does not work. Development comes with or without water. CRD water should be available to everyone and zoning and bylaws should be used to control development.
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Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	3	Yes	rain collection	Yes	No	Yes	we have seasonal water restraints, adequate during all but the late summer early fall. We would like to collect rain water for farm use.
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	More building in the area makes us wonder how good the water supply will remain. We have full treatment (UV, filters, softener, etc. etc. as found lead content over the minimum in our shallow well water.
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	5	Yes	water catchment for garden watering, saving grey water also	No	No	No	
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	5	No		No	No	Yes	I believe that development should not be allowed unless there is existing adequate water supply. New development/building could compromise the water supply of current residents. Just as we should not allow building in flood plains, we should not allow building where there is no water supply.
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	5	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	4	Yes	cystern system to help in dry months	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	3	Yes	delivered	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?	5	Yes	we have a drilled well but haven't used it as yet	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Shallow (dug) well?, grocery store	5	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Water license on a lake or stream?	5	Yes	Delivery	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Water license on a lake or stream?	5	Yes	tank	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Otter Point	Water license on a lake or stream?, Deep (drilled) well?	5	Yes	Access to CRD water as a backup supply would be reassuring.	No	No	No	
Otter Point	Water license on a lake or stream?, Shallow (dug) well?, Rainwater collection?	5	Yes	cistern to collect roof runoff from my barns	Yes	Yes	Yes	I would like to know if anyone has control over what folks do to King Creek.
Shirley	Community water system?	5	No		Yes	No	Yes	
Shirley	Community water system?	4	Yes	rainwater, drilled well, crd supplied water	Yes	Yes	Yes	future infrastructure repairs may not be adequately funded
Shirley	Community water system?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shirley	Community water system?	4	Yes	Drill own well	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shirley	Community water system?	4	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shirley	Community water system?	5	No		No	No	Yes	The Goudie Creek Watershed should be protected. it is contained within WFP lands on both sides of Hwy 14. An agreement should be reached with WFP by either the JDFA or CRD to have this land set aside to protect the quality and quantity of water into the future.

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Shirley	Community water system?, Shallow (dug) well?	1	Yes	rainwater collection	No	No	Yes	We will be building a home in Shirley that does not have a connection to the community water system and our main source of water will be rainwater collection. Lower Vancouver Island does not have a water supply problem, it has a water storage problem. Rainwater collection can be a much less expensive option than drilling a well - and no risk of not hitting water. I think residents with wells and on community water systems should be concerned about the local watersheds. More pressure needs to be put on the provincial government to protect our watersheds, not just for humans but for our wildlife and the ecological systems that support us.
Shirley	Deep (drilled) well?	5	No		No	No	Yes	
Shirley	Deep (drilled) well?, Rainwater collection?, Water delivery?	4	Yes	Another storage tank	Yes	No	No	The 'No' response to the last question is based on the premise that there won't be some exceptional climatic or environmental change to our area or exceptional, unplanned large-scale development.
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Shirley	Rainwater collection?	3	Yes	well, but it costs a lot, and there's no guarantee that there will be water where we drill.	No	No	No	I am only concerned about the dry season, which leaves me short of water. This year has been exceptionally dry, and I am hanging on, expecting rain any time. I hate to spend a lot of money on water and then have the rain come once my tank is full.
Shirley	Rainwater collection?	5	No		No	No	No	
Shirley	Water license on a lake or stream?	4	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Have good quantity (Goudie Creek) however due to high dissolved solids contents UV filter won't adequately function - need to put in a much bigger pre-filter setup. Limited future concerns about quantity, quality only in relation to new development in the upstream in the Goudie Creek Watershed.
Shirley	Water license on a lake or stream?, Deep (drilled) well?	5	Yes	rainwater roof collection	Yes	Yes	Yes	development and climate change are real factors that can affect our water supply