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Thank you for your invitation to attend your meeting in Kelowna , I regret I am unable to attend. We are very concerned about our drinking water supply here in Kilpoola [10 km West of Osoyoos] where there are approx. 50 homes on 2 hectare lots. To date we find we have 29 dry or nearly dry wells for a total of 11,757 lineal ft. which has cost us approx. $352,000.00 needlessly. We now see some owners are in the process of planting vine yards where we understand large quantities of water are needed. In addition, there is pressure to sell another 100 lots in the immediate area.

I can personally attest to the difficulty and cost of locating a supplier of potable water who is willing to deliver, due to legal risks etc. We note that there appears to be no scientific mapping of the aquifer in this area that we can rely on when planning our future. It is of utmost importance that we have well planned growth/development that have large, connected natural areas to protect ourselves and future generations As you can see we have a great need for your leadership in safeguarding and protecting our ground water in this area and through out our beautiful province. We would appreciate if you could keep us informed of your progress

Thank You ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***