

WATER TRANSFER WORKING GROUP PROJECT DESCRIPTION

APPLICATION NO./COURT CLAIM NO. CS4-84610-J@2		
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DATE OF APPLICATION 04/03/2025	PRIORITY DATE 05/10/1905
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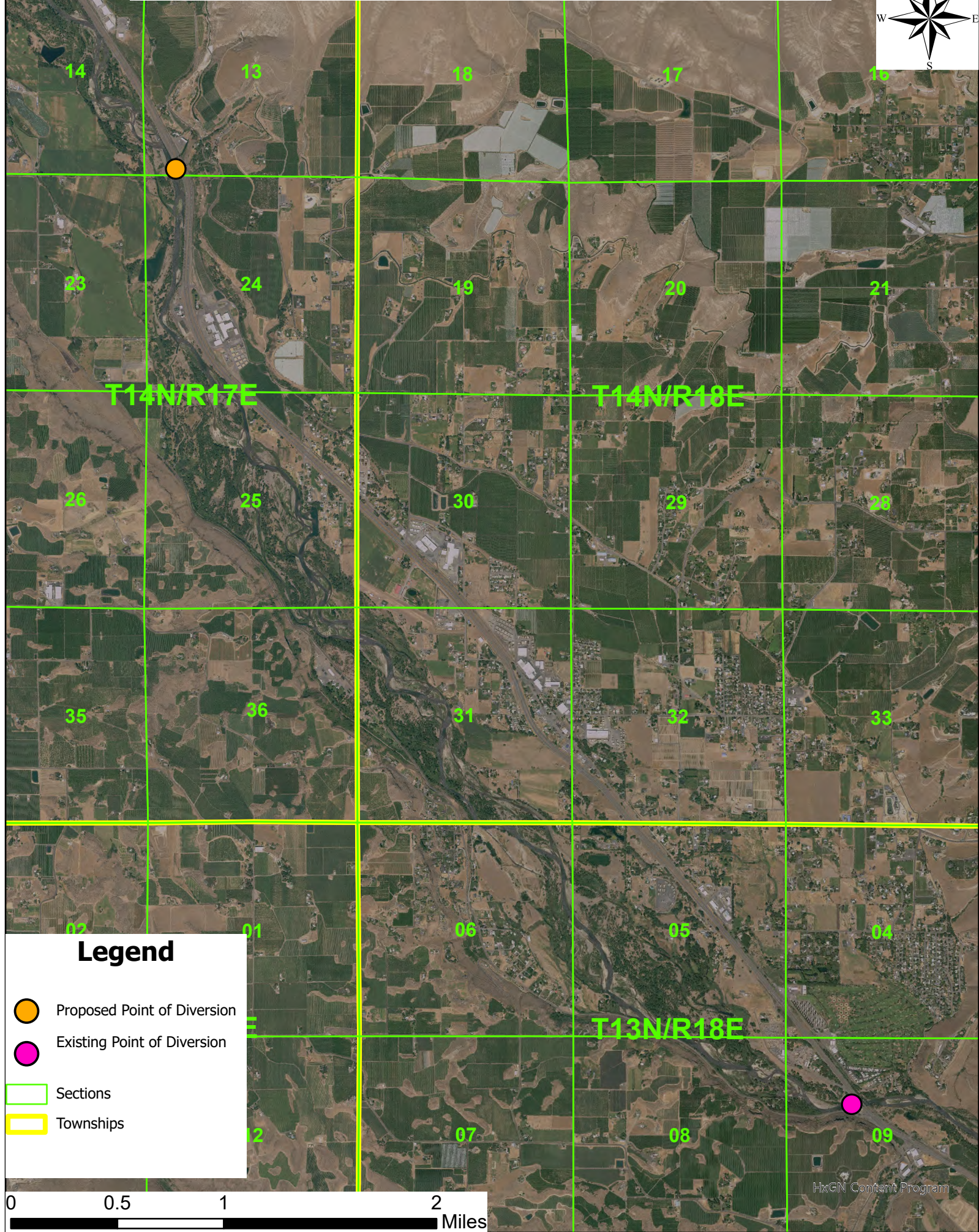
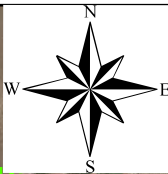
WATER SOURCE: Naches River	CROP: N/A
INSTANTANEOUS QUANTITY: 6.2 CFS	ANNUAL QUANTITY: 917 Ac-Ft
PERIOD OF USE: The beginning of storage control, as determined by the USBR, through October 15th	
PLACE OF USE: City of Yakima	PURPOSE OF USE: Municipal Water Supply Purposes
IRRIGATION METHOD: N/A	

<p>NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</p> <p>On April 3, 2025 the City of Yakima submitted an application to temporarily change their POD under Certificate Number S4-84610-J. The city requested and received this same change in POD through <i>State of Washington, Department of Ecology v. James Acquavella, et al.</i>, Yakima County Superior Court No. 77-2-01484-5 in 2005 and 2015. Additionally, under Seasonal Change CS4-84610-J and CS4-84610-J@1, the same change in POD was approved by Ecology in 2019 and 2024.</p> <p>The City of Yakima is requesting to seasonally transfer the water right from the Nelson Diversion near Glead, WA where the city normally intakes water for municipal irrigation, to the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) east of Naches, WA to meet the drinking water needs of the city. Approximately half of the cities' water right associated with the WTP are proratable under the USBR contract (currently USBR is anticipating 58% prorationing in 2025). Even though the water right that is being requested to be transferred is also proratable, it will help fill in the gaps in the other proratable water rights at the WTP. There are no operational issues at the Nelson</p>





Diversion (physical availability), and the city is fully capable of utilizing this water right at the Nelson Diversion. Having the water available at the WTP to provide drinking water to the cities' customers is critical considering the drought conditions that are expected this year.

The Department of Ecology found there to be 14 points of diversion between the existing and proposed POD but flows were sufficient in the Lower Naches River in 2005, 2015, 2019, and 2024 to result in no assertions of impairment. Ecology believes this seasonal change will not impair any existing rights.

City of Yakima 2025 Nelson Div. Seasonal Change



Legend

-  Proposed Point of Diversion
-  Existing Point of Diversion
-  Sections
-  Townships

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

City of Yakima Current POD



3/12/2025

Parcels Brown

Pipes

Any, Abandoned

City, In Service or Unknown

Irrigation Pipes

Street Names

Yakima, Washington 2023 Aerial Imagery

Red: Band_1

Green: Band_2

Blue: Band_3

World Imagery

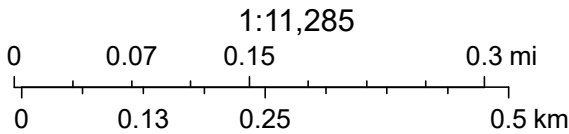
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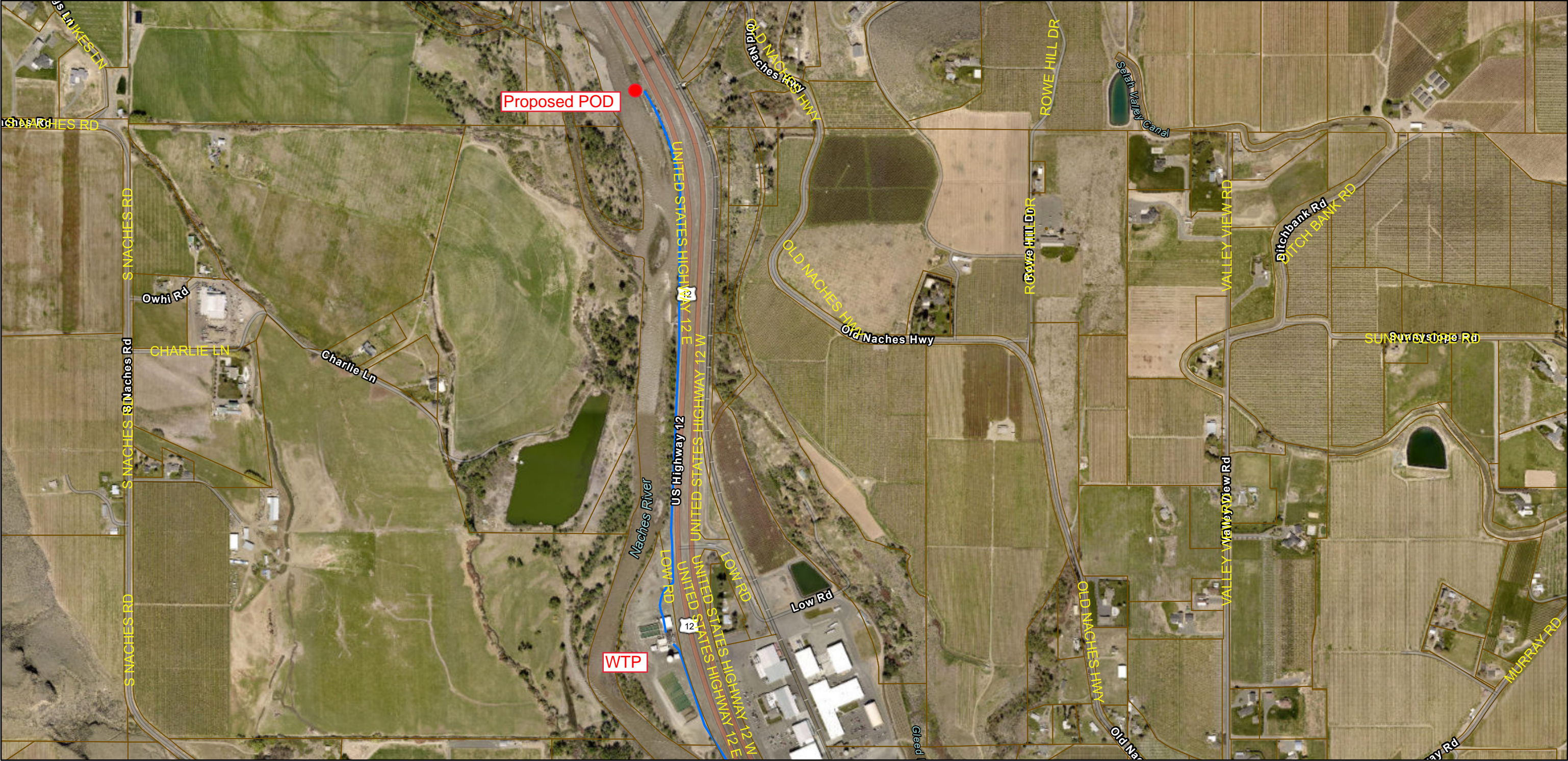
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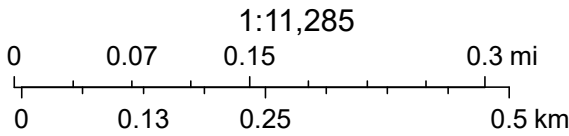
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