

Coordinated Water System Plan Update

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Public Works and Health Committee



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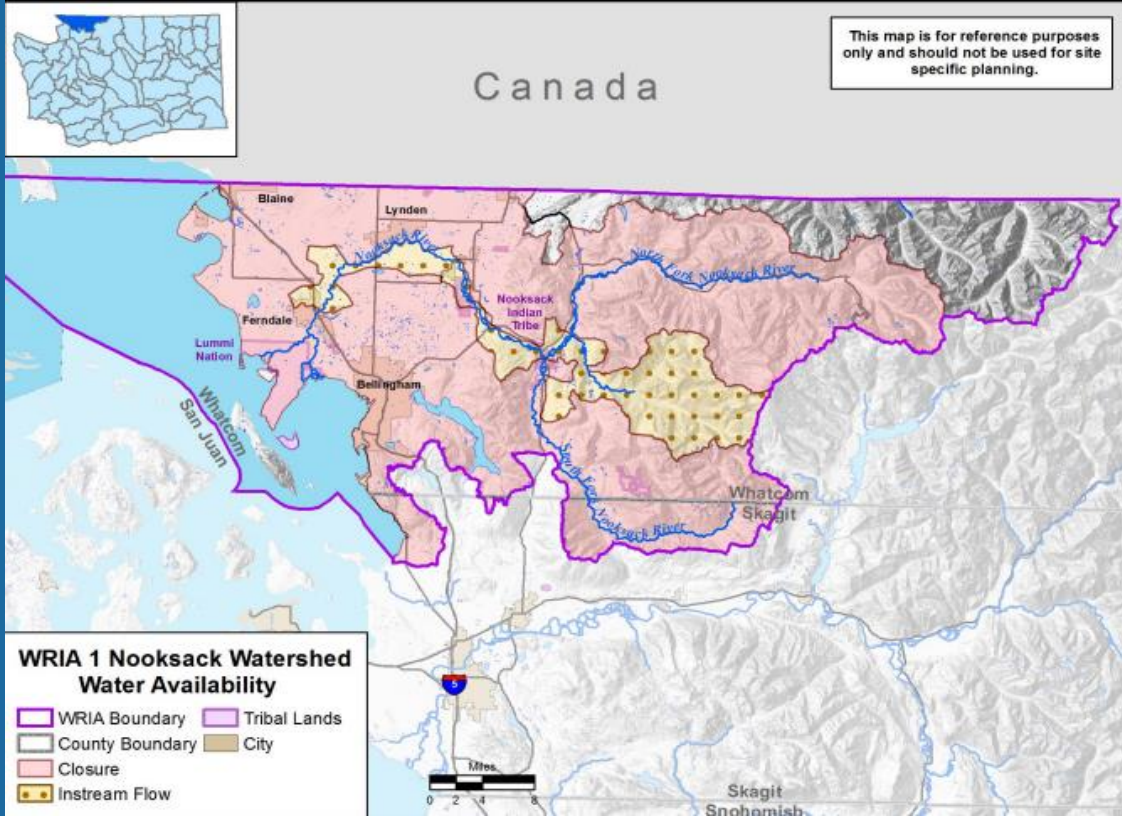


Goals and Objectives



- **CWSP Overview**
- **CWSP Update Process**
- **Coordination with WCCP**
- **CWSP Update Scope of Work**
- **Regional Resource Issues**

Coordinated Water System Plan Overview



**What the CWSP
does not cover:**

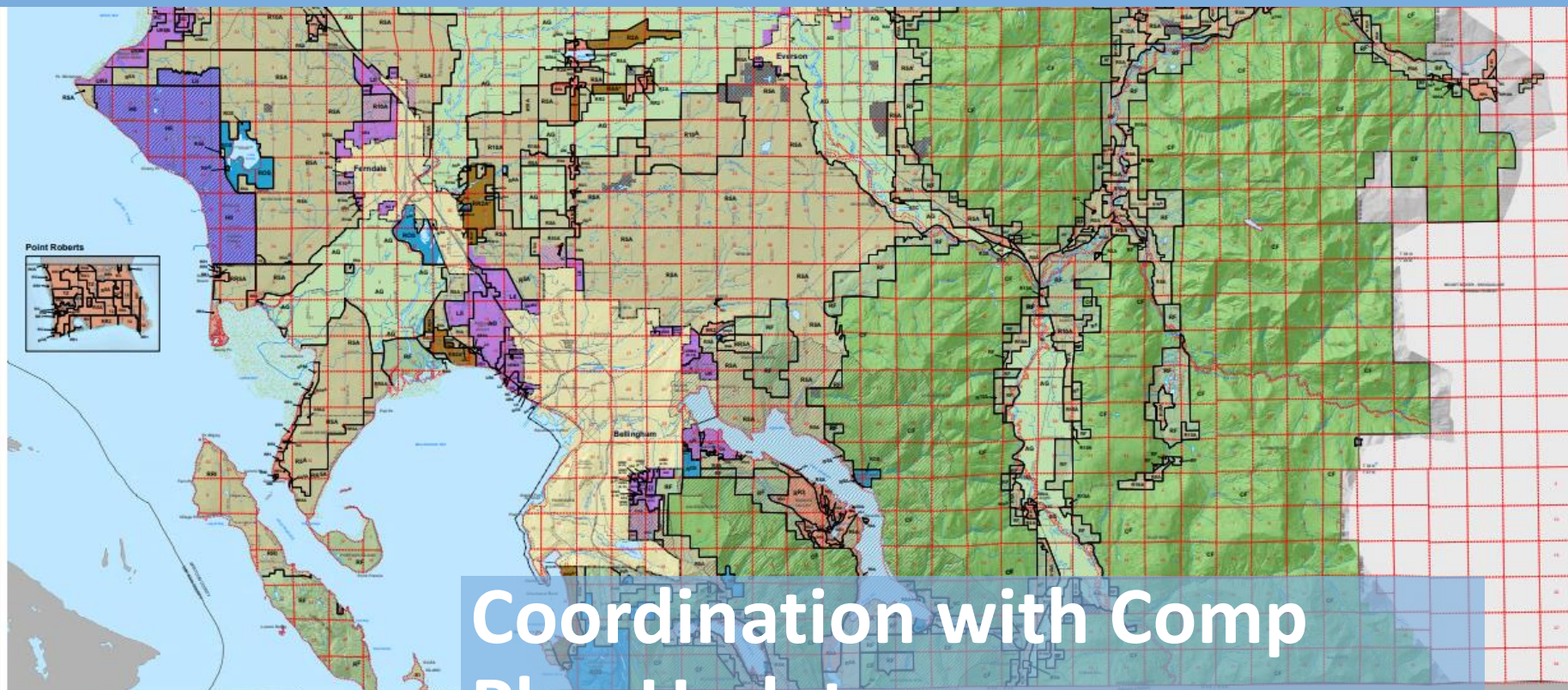
- *drinking water wells
- *surface water withdrawals
- * agriculture



CWSP Update Process



- Consultant awarded and Council approved contract
- Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) directs update
 - State, County, Tribal and Group A and B system reps are included throughout process
- Completion by Dec. 31, 2024
- Final approvals by WUCC, PDS & DOH
- Adoption by Council in 2025



Coordination with Comp Plan Update

Provide consistency with adopted land use
policies



CWSP Update Scope of Work

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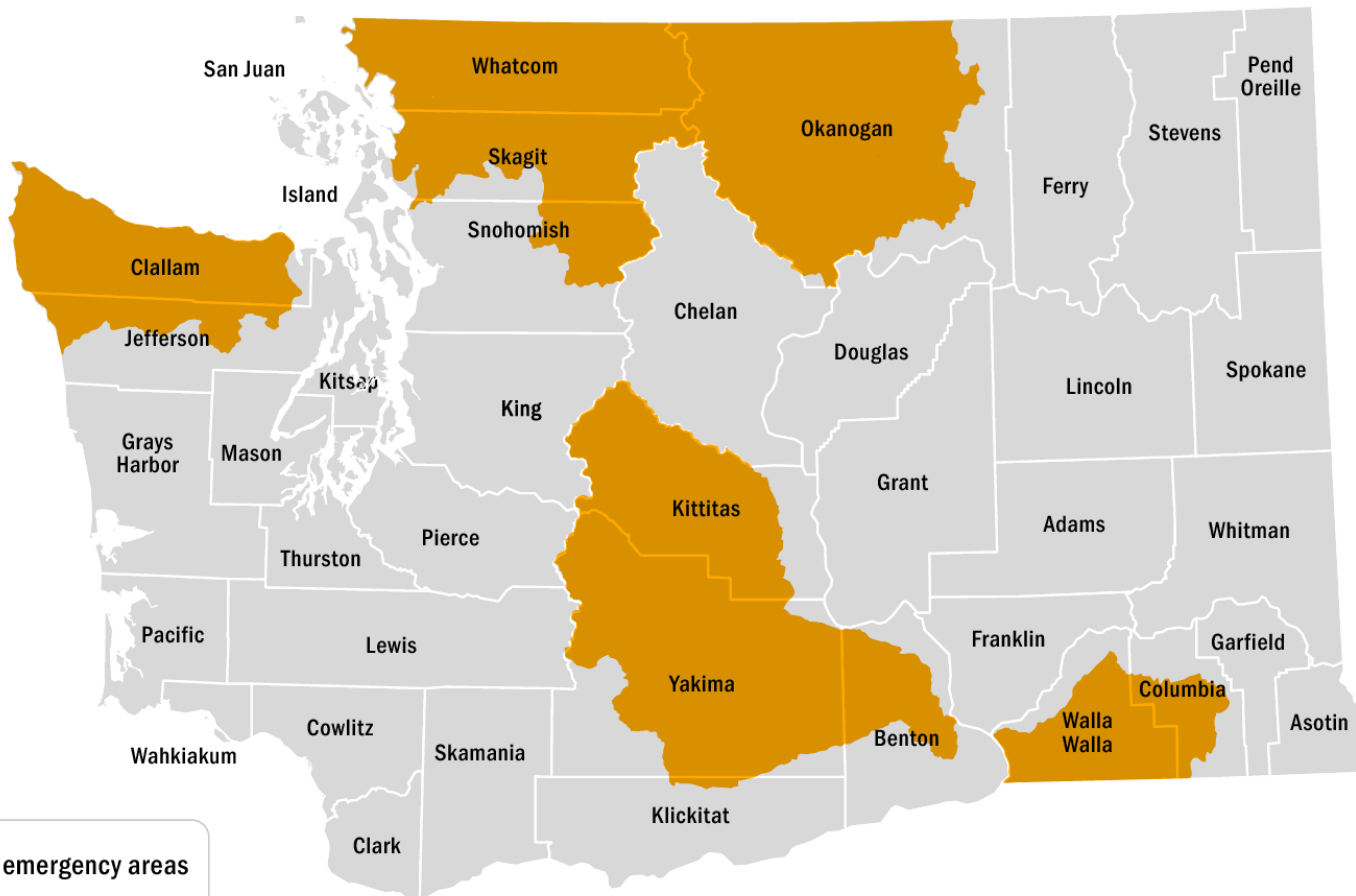
- **Project Management**
- **Administrative Updates**
- **Population, Water Demand and Expanding Systems**
- **Regional Resource Issues**
 - Impacts of climate change on water systems
 - Identify areas of higher risk to evaluate



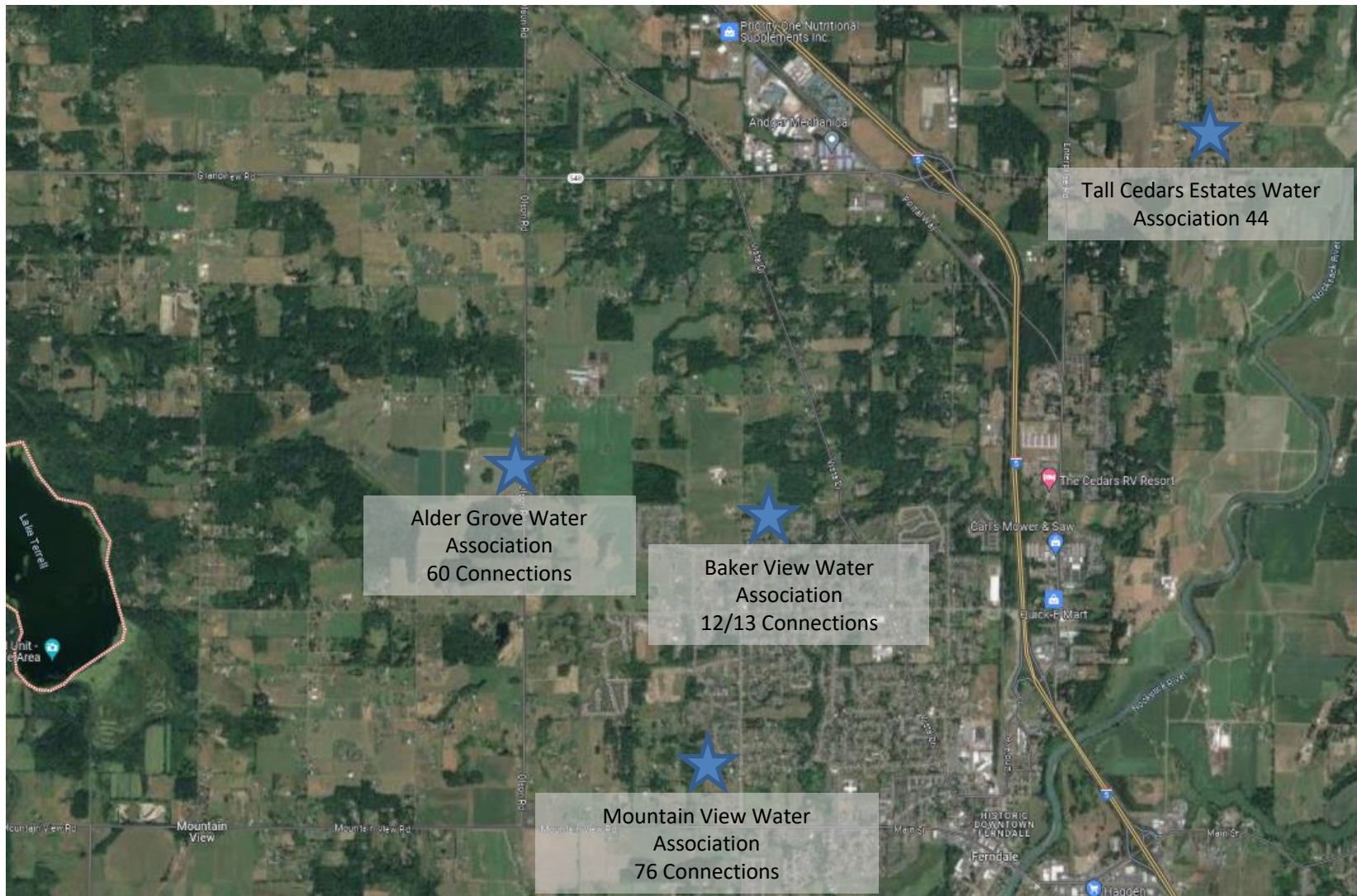
Regional Resource Issues: Drought

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Washington Drought Declaration Areas



Water Associations Affected by the Drought



Whatcom PUD No. 1 ILA



- **Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Purpose**
 - Provide terms and conditions for operations and maintenance
 - Meets state, federal standards and orders of the Court
 - Protect public health & safety through provision of water service
 - Ensure effective and efficient use of water resources
 - Support adopted GMA land use plans and goals

- **Resolution No. 92-062 – requested that Whatcom PUD No. 1 be available as an agent for the County for receivership of failed water systems**

Next Steps



- **Council review of:**
 - Whatcom PUD No. 1 Interlocal agreement. Final draft anticipated in Q2. Questions/ comments within 30 days of receipt of draft.
 - CWSP draft Q4 or Q1/2 of 2025. Questions/ comments within 30 days of receipt of draft.
 - Adoption of plan anticipated for 2025



Questions?

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