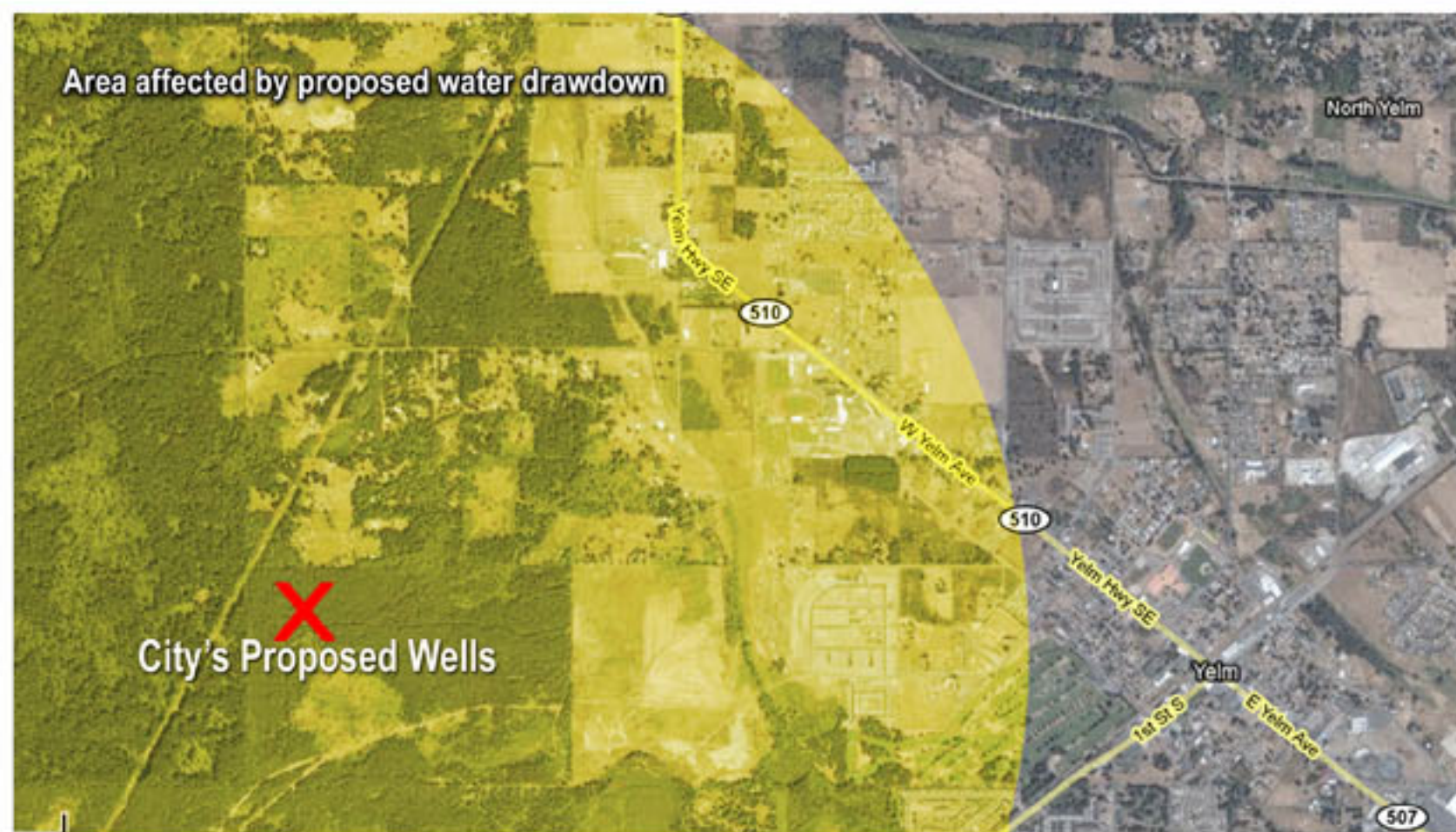


YOUR WELL WATER LEVEL COULD DROP 23 FEET AND LEAVE YOU DRY

When this happens, when you least expect it,
WHO'S GOING TO PAY YOU THE \$15,000
it takes to drill you a new well and replace your pumping equipment?

ARE YOU GOING TO ENJOY THE SURPRISE OF HAVING NO WATER?



PROTECTION OF OUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.

The City of Yelm is trying to substitute a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) regarding their proposed five-fold increase in water withdrawal quantities. By doing this, City officials are sidestepping their obligation to get the opinions of the public and independent professionals about the environmental impacts of such an action.

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE CITY'S RECENT WATER-RELATED BEHAVIOR:

- over-pumped aquifer between 2001 and 2008 (in excess of legal water rights);
- failed to update required city Water System Plan (overdue since Sept. 2008);
- refused to evaluate environmental impacts of huge proposed water expansion for the Thurston Highlands project;
- spent over \$550,000 on water studies to benefit a private development;
- proposed to charge city ratepayers for costs of financing 5,000 home Thurston Highlands water study, water acquisition, and system installations.

WHAT IS THE CITY UP TO NOW?

- Using a draft, unapproved Water Mitigation Plan that is incomplete and inadequate for Department of Ecology review of huge new increased water withdrawals; **Why?**
- Issuing an MDNS instead of a thorough EIS involving public input; **Why?**
- Raising everyone's water rates to fund a water system for a massive 5,000-home private development proposal; **Why?**
- Continuing to pursue planning, funding, and political action in support of a massive 5,000-home private development proposal; **Why?**

YOU MIGHT ASK YOURSELF:

- Why is the City avoiding public discussion and input on this subject?
- What is the City hiding by giving the public virtually no notice of proposed action on such important matters?
- Why is the City not interested in reviewing all of the environmental effects that might harm its citizens?
- What would you do if your well water supply suddenly disappears – "stolen" and "sold" to private developers by the very City officials who are supposed to protect the public?
- Be aware, find the facts, speak up, and keep your local government honest.

Where is the MDNS and technical information located? Find it on the City website under Community Development; Agendas/Notices; public notices; water rights...or, get it at City Hall.

If you agree that the City of Yelm's approach to water resource planning fails to protect the public interest and that an Environmental Impact Statement should be required to protect the local aquifer, please contact the following people and tell them what you think and what you want:

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