

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 7, 2010

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Memo of Agreement with Cascade Land Conservancy (CLC) for Lands Acquisition

BACKGROUND: The Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan (Specifically GPO 2.1) endeavors to maintain and enhance Kittitas County's natural resource industry base, including but not limited to productive agriculture resources. The County has indentified that the acquisition of conservation easements on working farms and ranches is one method to support its agricultural industry base and ensure that agricultural lands are not converted to incompatible uses. In partnership with Kittitas County, CLC has pursued and secured grant awards under Federal and State Farmland Preservation Programs for funding to the conserve the lands commonly known as the Triple Creek Ranch. Through this process, CLC has incurred costs to facilitate the acquisition of a conservation easement. The parties desire to establish an agreed arrangement under which CLC will pursue and assist the County to pursue negotiation and acquisition of conservation easements on Triple Creek Ranch.

INTERACTION: Public Works

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Director of Public Work's Signature on Exhibit "1" - Fee Proposal Amendment with USKH for Bowers Field Airport & Industrial Park Utilities and Infrastructure Improvements Project

HANDLING:	Return one original copy to Public Works
ATTACHMENTS:	Exhibit "1" – fee Proposal Amendment
LEAD STAFF:	Kirk Holmes Director of Public Works