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AGENDA STAFF REPORT	
AGENDA DATE:	November 15, 2011
ACTION REQUESTED:	Request to set public Hearing for November 30, 2011 at 6 pm for the Voluntary Stewardship Program
BACKGROUND:	The Growth Management Act requires Washington counties to designate and protect critical areas, such as streams. For the last 4 years, agricultural, environmental, and tribal representatives have worked on a new approach to critical areas protection for agricultural activities that the Legislature adopted in 2011 (ESHB 1886). Kittitas County has the option to opt into a Voluntary Stewardship Program in place of the requirement to protect critical areas on farmland through critical areas ordinance development regulations.
INTERACTION:	The Board of County Commissioners did on August 7, 2007 set a closed record meeting for August 21, 2007 agenda meeting.
LEAD STAFF:	Anna Nelson, GordonDerr