

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
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BACKGROUND:	<p>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.</p>
INTERACTION:	Public Works
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Cascade Land Conservancy for the acquisition of the Triple Creek Ranch property.
HANDLING:	Return one original copy to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS:

Memorandum of Agreement

LEAD STAFF:

Kirk Holmes

Director of Public Works