**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION**
**WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

**00-01-07** **Request by:** **Vim Wright, Chair**
**Washington State Conservation Commission**

**1. Are farm plans, developed in whole or in part by conservation district staff, public documents under the state Public Records Act, RCW 42.17.250?**

**2. If farm plans are public documents, must they be disclosed under the Public Records Act if so requested?**

**3. When a request for disclosure of such farm plans under the state Public Records Act is received by a conservation district and that act requires disclosure of documents, is a conservation district precluded from disclosure by the preemptive effect of federal laws, specifically, the Economic Espionage Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1831 et. seq.; the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552; and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)?**