

County may back land trust projects
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EUREKA -- At its meeting Tuesday, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will consider supporting several funding requests from the North Coast Regional Land Trust.

The requests are made under the easement program set up through federal legislation, House Resolution 23, Title III.

The bill allocated \$230,000 for “funding assistance for costs associated with acquiring easements including: appraisal costs, legal fees, recording fees, preparation and planning costs, and easement purchases (suggested 20 percent maximum contribution) for non-county initiated projects,” said a county staff report.

Of that initial allocation, \$50,000 was given to fund staffing to manage the program, leaving \$180,000 in funds for easements and easement support.

To date, around \$24,000 has been used.

The North Coast Regional Land Trust is asking for money for appraisal administration, easement negotiations, document preparations and development of monitoring agreements for four ranches.

In other business, during the afternoon session, the board will consider adopting the budgets for the special districts it governs. The include the Garberville Lighting District; the Hydesville Lighting District; the Loleta Lighting District; and Myers Flat Street Lighting Maintenance District; the Rohnerville Lighting District; the Redcrest Street Lighting Maintenance District; the Weott Street Light Maintenance District; the Pacific Manor Street Lighting Maintenance District; the Humboldt County Flood Control District, subzone 1; the Janes Creek Storm Drain Maintenance District; the Fortuna Fire Protection District; the Loleta Fire Protection District; and the Whitethorn Fire Protection District.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. The afternoon session starts at 1:30 p.m.