



**FRIENDS OF
CORTE MADERA CREEK
WATERSHED**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA**

**7:00 pm Thursday February 19, 2026
Club Room at the Terraces
82 Camellia Circle, Larkspur CA 94939**

or

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order and Order of Business
2. Introductions
3. Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 202
5. Financial Report
6. Continue Temp and DO monitoring in Ross Creek?
7. Main Water's Plans for Trail Use by Bikes
8. Herbicide Use by Marin Water: Time to Revisit?
9. Modification of MUP 20 between College Avenue and RVSD's Kentfield pump station
10. Form Subcommittee re: Groundwater Issues
11. Reports
 - Larkspur Library
 - Ecology Study Area
 - Lower COM Habitat Restoration
12. Adjournment

Next Meetings: March 19, April 16, and May 21, 2026



Regular Board Meeting January 15, 2026

Sandy Guldman called the meeting to order via Zoom and in person at 7 PM at the Club Room, The Terraces, 82 Camellia Circle in Larkspur. Other board members also present: Charles Kennard, Laura Lovett, Alycia Matz, Dayna Quick, Nick Salcedo, Barbara Salzman, Mike Swezy, and Ann Thomas. Guests: Jason Brodersen, Rebeccas Schwartz Lesberg, Alec Shuldiner.

Introductions. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Jason Brodersen is a geophysicist and registered geologist, living in Corter Madera, who is interested in joining Friends' board.

Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg, executive director of Marin Conservation League (MCL) since July 2025, formerly worked with Audubon California and was invited to this meeting by Mike to discuss ways MCL could collaborate with Friends in efforts to encourage Marin County to protect groundwater.

Approval of November 20, 2025 Minutes. M/S (Laura/Charlie) and approved with one change: under Larkspur Library report, change garden area from 6,000 to 16,000 square feet.

Financial Reports. 1) Total assets as of 12/31/25 were \$204,476.46 including \$126,122.96 in a Certificate of Deposit. 2) Donations to the annual fund appeal to date are \$25,568, slightly higher than the 2024 total of \$23,994.

Methods for Accepting Donations. Board members were presented with the options for accepting donations made with credit cards. Donations to Friends can currently be made with PayPal, which also provides for Venmo and credit card use, with the PayPal fee. That fee is less than we would pay to set up a system with our bank that allows credit card use. Zelle, another payment system, that provides direct transfer of funds between bank accounts and has no fee, could be used as warranted.

Election of New Board Member. Board welcomed Jason Brodersen's offer to join Friends' board of directors and Sandy recommended early election to fill an opening in the 2023-2026 term.

M/S (Sandy/Mike) and approved to elect Jason Brodersen to the Friends board of Directors.

Creek Chronicles Update. The newsletter went out on schedule and selected articles from this issue are on the website.

Multi-Use Path Modification Between College Avenue and the Ross Valley Sanitation District Pump Station. A concept to improve a stretch of the multi-use path from the point where it narrows upstream of the Kentfield Pump Station to College Avenue has been prepared. The proposed project would widen a section of the public path downstream of Stadium Way and move the main path to the left bank from Stadium Way to College Avenue. While the project would address public safety concerns, its main purpose would be to allow habitat enhancement on the right bank upstream of Stadium Way. Scott Walls, who prepared the drawings and renderings for the Lower COM project, could prepare similar visuals for this project that would be useful for outreach to the public and to submit as part of applications for funding. Estimated cost could be about \$7,000 to \$7,500.

It was M/S (Nick/Ann) and approved to allocate up to \$7,500 for preparation of concept drawings, renderings and other materials to illustrate the proposed improved pathway.

Aerial Photo Requests. Sandy reported that Parker Pringle, former Friends board member, has offered to take drone photos of the watershed. Charlie, Nick, and Sandy have suggestions for him.

Collaboration on Groundwater Issues. Mike reported on efforts by the Salmon and Steelhead Coalition to promote updating ordinances on groundwater-dependent wells that affect waterways. The group includes representatives from The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, and California Trout. The renewed effort to support sustainable groundwater is based on a 2018 California Court of Appeals decision that the public trust doctrine applies to groundwater impacts on surface streams. AS a result, governing agencies are required to consider the impact of wells on streams. Mike suggested that Friends and Marin Conservation League collaborate on a campaign to improve Marin County groundwater protection as this is now supported by the courts. Marin County's practice has been to consider only whether wells drilled for drinking water provide water that is safe for human consumption. No restrictions applied to wells drilled for irrigation. Impacts on affected streams have not been considered. Board members supported this action plan.

Recent Flooding in the Lower Ross Valley. The Board members discussed the flooding that occurred during the King Tide events on the weekend after New Year's Day. Although some people in the lower watershed think that riverine flooding was a major contributing factor, the data suggest that the flooding was caused mainly by predicted tide levels being too low (they are not based on updated data), low barometric pressure, and storm surge. An article may be written for the mid-year newsletter.

Draft One Tam Work Plan for 2026-27. This document describes a number of activities planned for the year ahead, but it does not have material directly relevant to our watershed..

Reports

Larkspur Library. It appears that the library will open in April rather than March. There will be a process established for use of the community rooms, but it has not been announced. The Request for Bids for a contractor to implement the landscaping was issued last week, with bids due in early February.

Lower COM Habitat Restoration. Construction is substantially complete and was successful. Planting will be completed in January.

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Notes: Ann Thomas