



**FRIENDS OF
CORTE MADERA CREEK
WATERSHED**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA**

**7:00 pm Thursday March 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 February 19, 2026
5. Financial Report
6. Marin Water's Plans for Trail Use by Bikes: Report on Site Walk
7. FCD Pause on Corte Madera Creek work
8. Modification of MUP 20 between College Avenue and RVSD's Kentfield pump station
9. Groundwater Issues: Report on Progress
10. Reports
 - Ecology Study Area
 - Lower COM Habitat Restoration
11. Adjournment

No meeting in May

Next Meetings: April 16, June 18 (Annual Meeting), and July 16, 2026



**Regular Board Meeting
February 19, 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: Jason Brodersen, Charles Kennard, Nick Salcedo, Barbara Salzman, Mike Swezy, and Ann Thomas. Guest: Alec Shuldiner.

Order of Business. Letters of support for a MCSTOPPP EPA grant was added to the agenda. In the past, Friends has sent letters of support for continued EPA funding for the Invasive Spartina project and Board of Supervisors funding for the Urban Streams program. On the basis of the previous support, Sandy sent those letters without board discussion.

Announcements. 1. Ribbon-cutting for the new Larkspur library will be on March 28; a policy is being developed for the library's facility use and usage fees. 2. Friends' May meeting will be cancelled. 3. Planting at the Larkspur Library has started, implementing a plan by RHAA.

Approval of January 15, 2026 Minutes. M/S (Charlie/Mike) as submitted.

Financial Reports. 1) Total assets as of 1/31/26 were \$156,356.93. Reimbursement for a significant portion of work on the COM restoration was received this week. Sandy will prepare Friends' tax reports.

Continue Temp and DO Monitoring in Ross Creek? Following a discussion of the value of additional monitoring, the board agreed to discontinue this ongoing work in Ross Creek. Sandy reported that Friends has continuously monitored the creek for impacts of the Phoenix Lake dam on Ross Creek since 2008. Parker Pringle is willing to continue but as there are only two working loggers three or four more would have to be purchased to adequately monitor temperature and dissolved oxygen levels, and the continued monitoring may not produce more information than that which already has been accumulated. Also, Nick and Sandy will follow up with Dayna Quick and COM biology Instructor Wendy St. John who were hoping to do some water quality monitoring in the channel.

Letters of Support. Board approved sending a letter to EPA Region 9 Watershed's Office supporting MCSTOPPP's proposal to the SF Bay Program Water Quality Restoration Grant Program for its "Greener Streets, Cleaner Creeks: Advancing Countywide Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Trash Capture in Marin."

Marin Water Plans for Trail Use by Bikes. The water district's e-bike class 1 pilot program is continuing, including trails, such as Pumpkin Ridge Trail that are in the Corte Madera Creek watershed. Sandy will attend the visit to trails on February 27 and the March 19 Watershed Committee meeting at which a report may recommend how trails studied will be prioritized for e-bike use.

Herbicide Use by Marin Water: Board members considered that it is probably premature to request reconsideration of herbicide use by Marin Water.

Subcommittee on Groundwater Issues. There has been no progress on a proposed effort to strengthen Marin County's oversight of groundwater usage. Sandy will contact Monty Schmitt to find out the status of this proposed joint project.

Modification of MUP 20 Between College Avenue and RVSD's Kentfield Pump Station. Sandy, Nick, and Jason agreed to form a subcommittee on this project. Scott Walls is working on conceptual drawings for the project.

Reports

Larkspur Library. Marin Refugia has begun planting the habitat garden. Located south and east of the library parking lot. This work is separate from the planting in the immediate vicinity of the building that is being done by the construction contractor.

Building Bridge 2. A County news release on February 15 reported that the Town of San Anselmo and the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCD) propose a lease agreement for the bridge platform to resume for community activities. The proposed lease (of the bridge to the Town of San Anselmo), the release said, does not change any flood control decisions about the bridge which may be made in the future.

Pause in FCD Work in the Watershed. A news release on February 19 by the FCD announced a halt in all flood control work for further review. There appears to be some confusion about projects. The Corte Madera Creek Flood Management Project was named, but the issues identified are more relevant to the San Anselmo Flood Risk Reduction Project. Sandy will write to County Public Works Director Chris Blunk to review some concerns. She expressed concern that outreach is needed to generate support for construction of the new the fish resting pools, originally planned for summer 2026.

Ecology Study Area. There is some old irrigation piping left over from the planting done in the area cleared by COM when the BMX track was removed. Sandy will ask Klaus Kristensen, COM facilities manager, to remove it for us. She will also ask if COM can remove the log sections, brought to the ESA when it was thought that an outdoor classroom would be developed at the ESA.

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Notes: Ann Thomas