



**FRIENDS OF
CORTE MADERA CREEK
WATERSHED**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA**

**7:00 pm Thursday August 20, 2026
Community Meeting Room #3, Larkspur Library
10 Rose Lane, Larkspur CA 94939**

OR

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1. Call to Order and Order of Business
2. Introductions
3. Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes from June 18 and July 16, 2026
5. Financial Report
6. List of Potential Projects
7. Need to Recruit New Board Members
8. Select New Vice President
9. Develop Policy for Land Use and Activities at Piper Park?
10. Reports
 - Ecology Study Area
 - Lower COM Habitat Restoration
 - CMC Flood Risk Management Project
 - Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project
 - Modification of Route 20/Corte Madera Creek Path
 - Marin Water RTMP Update
 - Marin Water ARC/Water Supply
11. Adjournment

Next Meetings: September 17, October 15, and November 19, 2026



Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2026

Sandy Guldman called the meeting to order via Zoom and in person at 7:05 PM at the Club Room, The Terraces, 82 Camellia Circle in Larkspur. Other board members also present: Jason Broderman, Charles Kennard, Alycia Matz, Dayna Quick, Nick Salcedo, Barbara Salzman, and Ann Thomas. Guest: Alex Shuldiner.

Order of Business. No change to published agenda.

Announcements. Branson School has offered the services of a volunteer group of students on August 21. They will work on weeding the Lower COM project.

Approval of April 17, 2026 Minutes. M/S (Charlie/Jason) approved as submitted.

Annual Meeting 2026

The business of the meeting was to elect directors for the term 2026 to 2029, and officers for the - 2026 to 2027 year.

Election of Directors and Officers. M/S (Charlie/Jason) and approved to elect Jason Broderman, Barbara Salzman, Michael Swezy, and Ann Thomas to Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed's board of directors for the term 2026 to 2029; and to elect the following as officers for 2026-2027: Sandra Guldman as President, Alycia Matz as Vice President, Ann Thomas as Secretary, and Nick Salcedo as Treasurer.

The annual meeting was adjourned to resume the regular Board Meeting of June 18, 2026.

Financial Reports. Total assets and equity as of 5/31/26 were \$170,027.12, with no liabilities. The CD that matured generated about \$660 in interest.

California Alpine Club Grant Program. Several potential uses for a grant were discussed including interpretive signage; however, there was not enough time or energy to prepare an application by the grant deadline. Because requests for proposals often come with a short deadline, the Board agreed to update the list of potential projects which could be drawn on as opportunities for funding come up.

Creek Chronicles. The summer issue is nearly completed and is expected to go to the printer on Monday, June 22 so could be mailed by early July.

Saunders Bridge. There is a possibility that Marin Water could earmark compensation fees (for spills) for the Saunders Bridge replacement. This would contribute to the Town of San Anselmo match. The proposed replacement would improve fish passage and reduce flood risk.

Larkspur Library Meeting Room. Sandy reported that Friends is tentatively scheduled for use of one of the two smaller community usage rooms in the new library; there is a \$25 fee per use for non-profits. The City may also charge a \$100 deposit. The City is working on finalizing the fee schedule and setting up the system for after-hours use.

M/S/P (Barbara/Jason) to approve a \$275 annual fee for a library meeting room for Friends' board meetings.

ARC/Water Supply Issues: Marin Water Pipeline EIR. A draft EIR is in preparation for a 13-mile pipeline connecting the North Marin Aqueduct to Nicasio Reservoir, part of Marin Water's proposed Atmospheric River Capture project to store surplus winter water for summer use. When the EIR is released, Friends will review and comment.

Reports

Ecology Study Area: The board discussed possibly of removing some more acacia and eucalyptus trees at the ESA. Sandy will check with Klaus Christiansen, COM M&O Director, for permission.

Lower COM Habitat Restoration Project: The recent high tides inundated the entire transition zone at the restoration project, making it easier to remove weeds. Sandy and another volunteer weeded for two hours on Wednesday 6/17. A killdeer is frequently seen on the left bank—usually they are observed only before and during nesting.

Marin Water Board and Trails Management Plan Meeting. The Board of Directors' Watershed Committee was holding a special meeting this evening to provide an update on the RTMP process. Friends did not submit new comments for this meeting but reviewed a letter submitted by Marin Conservation League.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Notes: Ann Thomas



Regular Board Meeting July 16, 2026

Sandy Guldman called the meeting to order via Zoom and in person at 7:00 PM at the Club Room, The Terraces, 82 Camellia Circle in Larkspur. Other board members also present: Charles Kennard, Alycia Matz, Nick Salcedo, and Barbara Salzman.

Order of Business. No change to published agenda.

Announcements. Alycia announced that she has accepted a new job in Raleigh, North Carolina, mainly to be living closer to family. She is keeping her current title, Restoration Project Manager, with the North Carolina's Land and Water Fund. She'll be doing grant management overseeing some of the stream and wetland restoration projects there. We will miss all of her contributions to our work.

A range management specialist had contacted Dennis Rodoni, saying he had surveyed wetland plants at Hal Brown Park, the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve, and another park. Dennis referred him to Parks and Kat Knecht contacted him to arrange a site visit to Hal Brown Park. Sandy was invited because of all the work we have done there. His technique is to walk along a path photographing the plants and identifying the plants using an online program. Several plant IDs seem to be wrong. Another problem is that he considered everything between the water and the path to be wetland, although most of the area he looked at is actually upland, well above the tidal zone. Kat will put him in touch with people at Parks working on upland restoration. There is little benefit to Friends in engaging with him.

Approval of June 18, 2026 Minutes. In the absence of a quorum, no action was taken.

Financial Reports. Total assets and equity as of 5/31/26 were \$170,027.12, with no liabilities. The CD that matured generated about \$660 in interest.

List of Potential Projects. When requests for proposals come up, quite often the time to response is short. We should update our list of potential projects. The old lists will be distributed by Nick and Sandy for discussion at the August Board meeting.

Creek Chronicles. The summer issue was published a bit early. A resident from each of two neighborhoods, Larkspur Marina and Greenbrae Boardwalk, asked for permission to distribute to all the residents an electronic copy of the article about factors that affect tidal levels. One also mentioned enjoying the article about King Mountain. Sandy provided the entire issue to each.

Larkspur Library Meeting Room. Today, Sandy received a copy of the application form. When it is submitted with payment, we will be signed up. The fee is \$25 per meeting for the cleaning fee, but the rental fee is waived for non-profits that benefit Larkspur.

Reports

Ecology Study Area. Charlie has suggested removing some eucalyptus and acacias from the interior of the ESA. The College has given permission and suggested using Fahy. Charlie has not been able to reach them and is waiting for more information from the College.

Charlie also reported that some trees in the downstream end of the ESA are turning brown, probably because of saltwater intrusion. With rising sea level, there is little we can do but plant salt-tolerant species.

Lower COM Habitat Restoration. Sandy worked on the left bank for a couple of hours on Monday, hand watering the *Carex barbarae* and the big live oak and weeding the upland area. The ground is very dry, so weeding is challenging.

CMC Flood Risk Management Project. The County announced that they will be constructing the fish resting pools and replacing the Ross fish ladder with a hydrologically neutral fish way. The fish resting pools are designed, permitted, and funded. We will urge the County to proceed with the project in summer 2027. Joanna Dixon, the County's project manager, told Sandy that the construction should be quick to accomplish—cut the opening in the channel bottom, insert the form, pour the concrete, then move to the next location using the same form. The replacement for the fish ladder must be designed, and permitted—that could take considerable time. Our concern is that the County will want to implement both projects at the same time, which would delay installing the fish resting pools. We will argue strongly to do them separately. Sandy will ask Joanna for a schedule.

Status of Old Dog Park at Piper Park. There has been no resolution of how to deal with the old dog park, but a group has approached the City requesting a bike park on the site. Friends should develop a position on the use of the old dog park, taking into consideration increased flood risk from impervious surfaces, disturbance to marsh species (like Ridgway's rail), and the value of native vegetation on the site.

Relocation of Route 20/Corte Madera Creek Path. There has been a weak response to our proposal to reroute Route 20. Sandy will try to get the active participation of MCBC. This seems like low-hanging fruit for them, especially compared to their efforts to open the Alto Tunnel.

Saunders Bridge Replacement, San Anselmo. Sandy expected the administration to cancel any federally-funded infrastructure in California, but apparently the Saunders Bridge replacement is slowly moving forward. Earlier, Marin Water had contacted Sandy and suggested that when Marin Water has a spill they give Friends \$25,000 as the fine money; it would be a prearranged deal with no time-consuming negotiations with the RWQCB needed. Sandy suggested that the Saunders Bridge replacement could use that money as part of their required match. The last time she contacted Jonathan Koehler, he said he was working directly with the Town and with the RWQCB to set that up. Sandy feels like we will have fulfilled our promise to help San Anselmo raise the matching funds if that money is directed to the Saunders fish ladder.

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Marin Water RTMP Update and ARC/Water Supply. In the absence of both Ann Thomas and Mike Swezy, discussion of Marin Water topics was deferred.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Notes: Sandy Guldman