FRIENDS OF
CORTE MADERA CREEK
WATERSHED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA

7:00 pm Thursday November 19, 2026
Community Meeting Room #3
Enter at East End of Larkspur Library
10 Rose Lane, Larkspur CA 94939
OR
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89821322231?pwd=7YR00yOqCIzI7zoe6flNy3c1JpsMYj.1
Meeting ID: 898 2132 2231
Passcode: 757654

1. Call to Order and Order of Business
2. Introductions
3. Announcements
4. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2026
5. Financial Report
6. Creek Chronicles—update
7. Comments on City of Larkspur's Piper Park Plan (approve comment letter)
8. Preparation for El Niño
9. Status of Fish Resting Pools
10. Larkspur Ferry Service Expansion & Parking Project Draft Environmental Impact
11. Discuss participation in FACT (response to PG&E's aggressive vegetation management organized by Riley)
12. Discuss FEMA RFP for Flood Mitigation (relevant to modification of Fairfax Creek)
13. Discuss adopting an AI Policy
14. Discuss Change to Website Management (new GoDaddy service)
15. Reports
    - Ecology Study Area
    - Lower COM Habitat Restoration
    - Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project
16. Adjournment

Note: The door at the east end of the Larkspur Library is tucked into an alcove located between the larger meeting room that opens onto the patio and the smaller room we use. We will keep the door open as long as our meeting is in session.

Next Meetings: January 21, February 18, and March 18, 2027

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Regular Board Meeting
October 15, 2026

Sandy Guldman called the meeting to order via Zoom and in person at 7:00 PM in Meeting Room 3 at the Larkspur Public Library, 10 Rose Lane, Larkspur. Other board members present: Jason Brodersen, Charles Kennard, Dayna Quick, Nick Salcedo, Barbara Salzman, Mike Swezy. Ann Thomas. Guest: Alexandria Reynolds

Order of Business. Added discussion of Alec Shuldiner's El Niño Readiness Brief and consideration of emailing Friends' email list to recommend voting No on Proposition 45. It was M/S (Barbara/Jason) and approved to comment to people on Friends' email list a recommendation to vote no on State Proposition 45 on the November 3 ballot

Approval of September 17, 2026 Minutes. M/S (Charlie/Jason) and approved as distributed.

Financial Reports. Total assets and equity as of 9/30/26 were $170,277.81. Of that amount Nick reported that he rolled over a maturing $125,000 CD for a new 4-month CD. He and Sandy reported on three anticipated expenses: $750 per issue, with some additional startup costs, for Christine Cuccia to do design and layout of *Creek Chronicles*, payment to Laura Hobbs for ongoing as-needed website maintenance, and $500 for refurbishing the 6-year-old loggers used to calculate WSE at the Stadium Way bridge.

Articles for 2027 Winter Creek Chronicles. Suggestions included articles on possible homeowner actions with regard to flooding, and information on raising homes, a recap of Flood Zone 9 actions, and Larkspur Creek history.

Sandy shared creek gauge readings taken on 10/10/26 at high tide. The predicted tide at the old RR bridge across the creek just east of Highway 101 was 5.61 ft and the observed value at the Stadium Way gage was 8.35 ft. Jason suggested that the Pt. San Quentin gauge is more accurate. It is In actual gauge, instead of an interpolated value. Also, after a couple of days, NOAA reports the actual measured value.

Production of Creek Chronicles. M/S (Sandy/Barbara) and approved to hire Christine Cuccia for $750 twice a year for production of *Creek Chronicles.*

City of Larkspur Policy on Piper Park. The group reviewed the plan's marsh protections and discussed the plan's age, implementation detail, and possible effects on active uses near the marsh. Participants favored a complimentary letter recommending an update and explicit attention to marsh buffers and high-tide refugia.

State Water Board 319(h) 2026 RFP. Sandy reported that the grant has strict eligibility requirements that the Corte Madera Creek watershed does not meet, so applying for funding to address the high Fe and Mn values in Ross Creek would not be successful. The grant would

also fund preparation of a watershed plan, but the outline provided included only water quality parameters. We would prefer a more comprehensive plan.

El Niño Readiness. Board members discussed topics in the report and decided it would be best to take time to review the document Alex prepared and see if there are issues that Friends could address. Board members were asked to come to the next board meeting with tasks to take the lead on.

Reports

Ecology Study Area. The lack of a berm at the downstream end of the ESA raises the likelihood of increasing salt water intrusion during upcoming king tides. There is already tidal wetland vegetation at the extreme downstream end of the ESA, and this will likely extend further into the ESA at the expense of upland vegetation. Some trees have already been killed. A suggestion was made that Friends ask the Ross Valley Sanitary District management how the district will manage the impacts of rising sea level at the Kentfield Pump Station.

Lower COM Habitat Restoration.

- The About 30 people attended the October 8 ribbon-cutting for the restoration project. Generous credit was provided for Friends' participation in developing and implementing the project.
- Sandy reported that the Corte Madera Lions and Terra Linda Rotary member who had suggested his groups might staff a workday was unable to muster volunteers. Jason suggested that, as a member of the Lions Club, he could take on organizing this volunteer activity.
- Dayna offered to speak with COM student clubs regarding organizing a few student workdays at the project area.
- Alexandria Reynolds suggested inquiring if the Marin County Probation Department could provide volunteers. Mike Swezy reported that when MMWD used workers from the probation department, there were mixed results.
- Installation of the erosion pins began with participation COM students from Dayna's class. It will be completed when Jo Dixon has the time to bring the surveying equipment to the site.

Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project. As far as Friends board members know, this is no longer active. All funding available from FZ9 is to be used for planning for sea level rise.

Modification of Route 20/Corte Madera Creek Path. Sandy submitted detailed recommendations for modifying the multi-use path along Corte Madera Creek in Kentfield to path improvements to the Department of Public Works, which will be updating the County bike/ped plan starting next spring. The engineer leading the effort said she would include this project in the mix of those evaluated.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.