BACKGROUND:
The need to prepare an EIR for the project was established by the District as a result of a preliminary evaluation of the likely effects on the project. A Notice of Preparation- Draft Environmental Impact Report (NOP) was issued for the proposed project on August 31, 2012 and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was issued on December 18, 2012 for public comment. The DEIR identifies the likely environmental consequences of the project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate significant impacts. The minimum 45-day public review and comment period ended on January 31, 2013. The CEQA Findings and Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), sent February 9, 2013 for review, responds to comments received on the DEIR and clarifies/corrects DEIR text as required.

The following change is recommended for page 3-3 of the Final EIR and the text change shown is also changed for page 4-2 of the Final EIR: (see bolded text below)

“In recognition of that process, the text in the Draft EIR (in Chapter 3, Project Description, page 3-13, third paragraph; and Chapter 4, Section D, Transportation and Circulation, page 4.D-23, fourth paragraph) that refers to Laurel Avenue as part of the access route for construction vehicles has been revised as follows (also see Chapter 4 of the Final EIR):

Access to the site for construction vehicles likely would be from Circle Drive via Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFDB) and a new driveway between SFDB and Circle Drive a road connection (either Laurel Avenue and/or a new driveway) between SFDB and Circle Drive, selected in consultation with the Marin County Department of Public Works, Office of Supervisor Rice, and the City of Larkspur. The most likely location of this new driveway would be across from (and slightly offset from) Butterfly Lane. This new driveway would require an encroachment permit from the County, a new curb cut, signage saying “Construction Entrance Only”, and sidewalk improvements. If approval from the County is not granted to the College, the College would need to rely on access to Circle Drive from Laurel Avenue. Posted signage and a Truck Marshall to ensure that trucks do not enter the residential area of the Granton Park neighborhood during times of heavy truck travel is proposed as part of the CPM for all access between SFDB and Circle Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report with recommended text changes for the College of Marin New Academic Center, located on the Kentfield Campus; adopt the attached Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Marin Community College District Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Facts and Findings in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the College of Marin New Academic Center project, approve the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approve the College of Marin New Academic Center project.