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Luxury on the California Coast

Detail-obsessed contractor Current Construction's North Bay remodel enhances the property's 1970s roots as a timeless West Coast retreat



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A geodesic dome structure houses the kitchen with wings off to both sides. The kitchen centers itself on a live-edge walnut island locally sourced from a naturally fallen tree. Layers of tapestries and rugs replace 1970s shag carpet in the living room. Natural tones and bright sunlight make for a cozy bathroom.

When Irish-born, San Francisco-based contractors Colm Higgins and David Breslin, cofounders of Current Construction, first stepped into an innovative 1970s coastal home situated just north of the Sea Ranch in Sonoma County, they found a structure with a soul worth preserving through quality craftsmanship and locally sourced materials.

The original property was designed by a local San Francisco architect who took inspiration from Sea Ranch, a planned development that was ahead of its time. The two main wings of the home meet at a geodesic dome structure that houses a kitchen—where today guests at Sequoia Vista gather to connect with one another and the nature that surrounds them.

"The project is an interesting space," says Breslin. "We wanted to keep the '70s soul of the architecture but update it with finishes and modifications. The shaggy orange carpets are gone, replaced with overlapping tapestry and rugs that have a similar palette to make gathering in the space cozy and comfortable."

ABOVE: Prehistoric boulders protrude from a locally sourced redwood deck, creating a tranquil setting backed by the sound of sea lions.

Working in collaboration with LA-based interior designer Canopy Studio, the team crafted an environment for guests, rather than long-term residents, to connect with the weathered textures and earth tones of the surroundings alongside updated luxurious amenities that celebrate the home's history without feeling stuck in the past.

"We wanted the house to feel natural and timeless in the environment by using local, sustainable materials without cutting corners on quality," say Higgins. "The home's redwood-clad interiors create a cabin-like canvas. We restored and waxed some of the walls to hydrate them back to life, then paired them with smooth white walls to contrast the wood tones."

HIT THE DECK

The interior of the home is a coastal paradise for rainy days where guests can gather by the fireplace playing board games or cook in the stunning chef's kitchen—featuring a live-edge walnut countertop crafted from a slice of salvaged wood as a centerpiece. But it's the back deck that defines the property.

"We weren't willing to compromise on materials for the deck," Higgins notes. Designed to blur the line between built and natural environments, the team created a 1,200-square-foot, multitiered redwood deck, carefully constructed around prehistoric boulders—some of which break through the surface like sculptural art from

the Ice Age. Its amphitheater-style steps create a natural gathering space where guests can share sunset views, gaze at stars reflected over the Pacific Ocean, or settle around the firepit on the lower terrace.

Instead of neighbors, the only sounds heard from the deck are the sea lions echoing from the shore and resident woodpeckers tapping in the nearby forest. "The woodpeckers have been here longer than we have," Breslin says. "Generations of them meet at the old tree behind the house, storing acorns and nuts. They're part of the spirit of this landscape, so we built it with them in mind."



Interested in experiencing Sequoia Vista? Scan the QR code to learn more.