



## The Green Rebirth of a Bungalow

New Construction Singe Family Home

**Size:** 1,000 SF

**Owner:** Dianne McCourtney

**Builder:** Tulberg Construction

**Interior Design:** Dawnell Albers

**Custom Woodwork:** Kris McCourtney

**Landscape:** Green Goddess Gardens

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### GREEN at a GLANCE

#### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLE ENERGY**

- Energy Star appliances
- Integrated heat barrier in roof structure
- Reflective roofing material
- "Blue Jean" insulation
- Daylighting design used
- Double-paned windows
- Fan-driven ventilation throughout
- Ceiling fans throughout (no air conditioning needed)
- Tankless water heater

#### **RESOURCE CONSERVATION**

- Trex recycled-content decking
- Bamboo flooring
- Marmoleum flooring
- Recycled glass kitchen counters
- Recycled paper bathroom counter
- Motion detector and timed lighting
- Household compost system
- Household recycling center

#### **WATER CONSERVATION**

- High-efficiency drip irrigation system
- Rainwater collection system
- Garden water catchment
- Permeable front walkway
- Insta-Hot filtered water
- Weathermatic Smart Controller
- Low-flow toilet

#### **INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

- Low-VOC paints, finishes, adhesives
- Formaldehyde-free insulation
- Acrylic caulking

In 2008 Dianne McCourtney happily migrated back to Ojai after a 25 year absence. She purchased the only home available in the downtown area—an ideal location for driving less and walking more.

The original 95-year-old house was too broken to fix, so Dianne had it taken apart wall by wall. The recyclable lumber, doors, windows, appliances, carpet, and fixtures were placed in the front yard with a "free" sign. Many builders and other recyclers eagerly partook of the spoils from the old house.

The new house was rebuilt from the ground up, using the original footprint of 1,000 square feet. A year later, Dianne still receives words of appreciation from those who recycled from the old house and also from passersby who witnessed the rebirth of this lovely new Craftsman-style bungalow.

The interior cabinetry, furniture, and doors were custom built by Dianne's son, Kris McCourtney. The interior design resulted in rooms and furniture with multiple uses, to demonstrate the fact that "Small Is Big Enough".

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