Fun, Outdoor Project that saves water and creates habitat!
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Rainwater rolling off patio cover is captured in Rain Garden.

This Coastal Redwood was suffering from no summer water. Solution: Build an Outdoor Shower. Much of the shower water is directed to Rain Garden but also waters the Redwood.

This Redbud volunteered in the Rain Garden which is dominated by Aster. I’ve also added a Button Willow. 😊

If we’re building a shower area, why not a bath also?

Having another watering source, the bathtub drains out the side – watering a Spice Bush, Foothill Penstemon, Island Alum Root, Mock Orange, and of course a Redwood! And to cover and protect drainpipes going to all those plants, we built a moveable deck – now my Yoga deck.

Then while sitting in a bath I have a window to view Island Alum Root, Redbud, Styrax, Poppies, the Pond with Yellow Willow, Button Willow, and beyond that the Elderberry and much more!

(Building by Andy, Plants by Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery)