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Glenbrook home brings back an old Tahoe style

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LAKE TAHOE – With Lake Tahoe as a stunning backdrop, the design of the newly remodeled Land's End cabin in Glenbrook aims to bring back an “old Tahoe feel.”

Truckee-based architect Dennis E. Zirbel worked with the home's owner to transform the cabin.

Prior the remodeling, the home was filled with a haphazard array of bright colors and modern styling, with almost futuristic finishes. It was an interior that didn't reflect the old wooden exterior.

The client's first remodeling notes were to reposition the fireplace and redesign the interior to resemble an old Tahoe-style lodge.

From these details the design project expanded to a major remodel, creating an elegant mountain-feel inside and out. The entire interior of the existing residence was redesigned to incorporate new space planning and circulation with new finishes and fixtures.

Random flamed granite floors throughout most of the house ground the rugged cabin feeling while providing a durable, functional floor. The use of reclaimed Douglas fir as the primary finish throughout the home creates a warm, cozy cabin feel with the look of an antiquity. Specifically, reclaimed Douglas fir was used on the ceiling with exposed beams and false rafters as well as wainscoting and all built-ins.

In the kitchen, slightly distressed fir style and rail cabinets along with a granite-slab counter tops and polished-nickel fixtures further enhance the earthly feel of an old Tahoe cabin. Rustic lighting fixtures, Indian baskets, woven rugs and furnishings in muted earth tones round out the look and feel of a cabin in the woods. The fireplace, now relocated, opens up a stunning view of the gorgeous blue waters and towering mountains. Veneered in locally harvested stone, it provides the textures, colour and massing to create the overall look and feel of a rustic-style cabin.

Zirbel has designed or worked on more than 18 resort/recreation facilities in the Lake Tahoe and Truckee areas and more than 250 residences in both Nevada and California. His firm has been involved in 10 Master Planning projects in the Lake Tahoe and Truckee areas.