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To help ease the effects of the continuing popularity of building pools on during the drought, certain regulations have been put into place by select California counties, such as requiring pool covers. Heightened awareness in the planning stages is also contributing in a positive way. "The current trend is to build shallow pools as a way to promote conservation," says Skurman. "The key is to find ways to halt evaporation and keep a consistent level of water in the pool without having to regularly refill it."

"A pool cover is the best water conservation measure that can be used to limit evaporation," says Williger. "New pools are designed with the pool cover track hidden under the coping and existing pools can be remodeled to accommodate a cover." Not to mention the positive aspects in safety and debris maintenance.

Taking it one step further careful landscaping can contribute to responsible pool care. "An interesting idea is the use of strategically placed plants that don't require a lot of water as wind breaks to reduce pool water evaporation," notes Skurman.

Pools and pool houses will always be a part of California's culture and regardless of the climate, drought or no drought, there are ways to reduce their impact on the environment and build responsibly. ❧

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LEFT The pool house's Fleetwood sliding doors afford it a seamless indoor/outdoor connection. A bluestone island, Gaggenau appliances and Flos lighting complete the space. **BELOW** Teak and metal barstools and teak outdoor furniture—all from David Sutherland. **OPPOSITE** A Southern California pool house and deck by interior designer Meg Joannides and architect Hagy Belzberg, boasts an outdoor bluestone and teak bar, at once offering durability and style.

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