

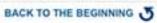
Four years after a wildfire burned down their wood-framed house in north San Diego County, Sara Matta and her husband moved into their new home, a 3,000-square-foot, cream-colored, minimalist modern home nestled among boulders. Perched on a cliff, the house is constructed mostly from concrete, steel and dual-paned tempered glass.

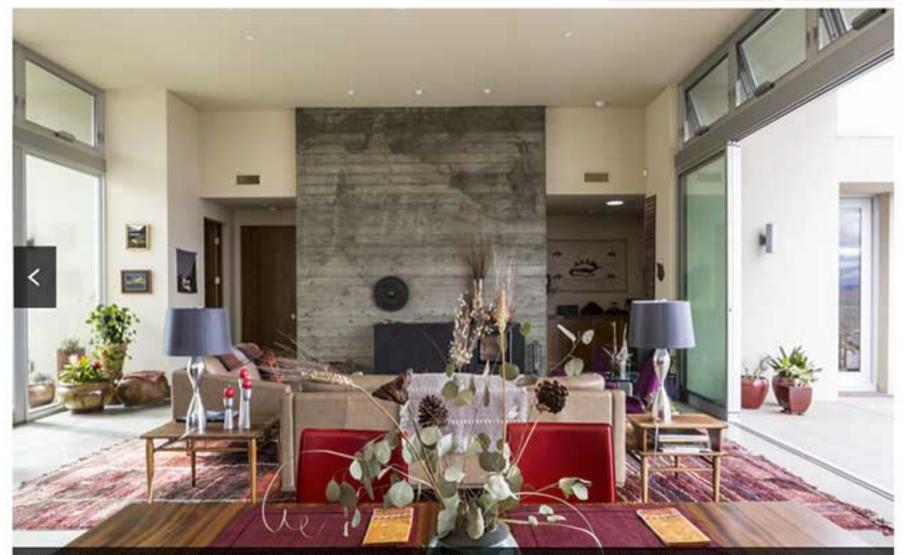


Sara Matta and her architect, Keoni Rosa, are shown on the master bedroom's balcony. 'It's like a freeway underpass with all the rebar and the steel,' says Mr. Rosa, adding that the home's unusual design and commercial-grade building techniques reflects Ms. Matta's anti-fire mantra throughout the project. 'no wood.'

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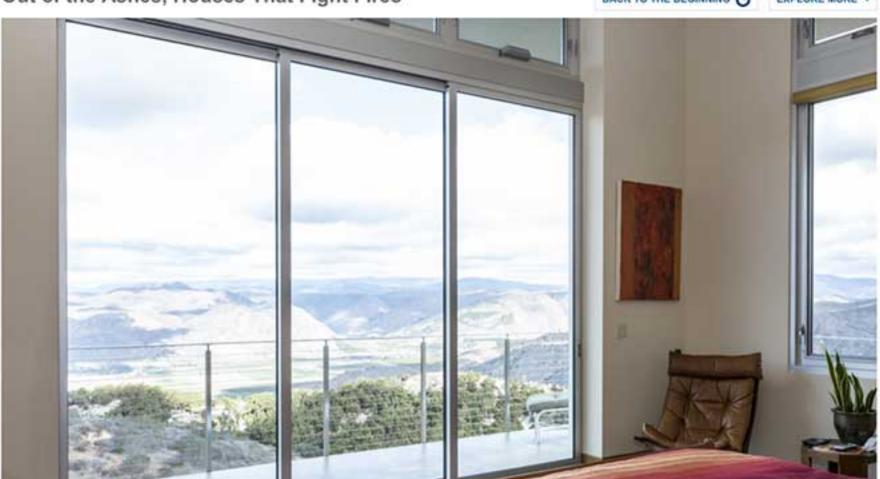


Inside, there are polished concrete floors and aluminum-framed windows. The living room opens up to a large concrete deck with canyon and mountain views. HIDE CAPTIONS 1 3 of 19





A wood-burning stove in the living room sits in front of a concrete wall with a wood-grain pattern.



The master bedroom is pictured. The notion of creating something was really good, says Ms. Matta, the 68-year-old retired head of the county's 211 program, a public helpline and information service. Her prior home was paid off, and insurance covered most of the roughly \$300 a square foot cost to build the new home. HIDE CAPTIONS. 34 1.5 of 19











Mr. Rosa says the home's unusually sturdy design and commercial-grade building techniques reflects the Mattas' anti-fire mantra. HIDE CAPTIONS 3 | 7 of 19

