



# ARCHISYS CONNECTION

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**Say What??** The noise was deafening! People kept talking louder & louder and pulling in closer to hear. It was all so exhausting, conversing in this social hall. The cause was sound waves reflecting off nearby walls.

Although carpet can eliminate some loudness, arts and crafts and food service are the norm in this particular space, so... too messy for carpet. To reduce the overall ambient noise, we recommended acoustical panels.

Wanting to cut the reverberations by one half (nice!), we used mathematical calculations to determine the right amount of panels to purchase. Just how many did we need for a room this size? Forty four, to be exact.

An additional 30 panels were installed in the learning center (right). The flair and style they brought were an added bonus thanks to our expert designers and skilled carpenters

During a recent meeting in this facility, two attendees confessed that now they could actually hear the people speaking across the table. "They should have done this a long time ago!", one of them declared.

Music to our ears.



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*Some people know the price of  
everything*

*And the value of nothing.*

*Oscar Wilde*

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**in the Santa  
Monica Mts.**



During the most recent drought here in southern California, the native chaparral grew drier with each passing year. Lush green vegetation gradually turned brown and brittle. Though the ocean views were still magnificent, it felt as if we were walking through a war zone each time we hiked. With every step we wondered which plants would bounce back and which were gone forever.

For two years now we have experienced significant rainfall and the results have been miraculous. Though the photos above are not of the exact same location, they are representative of what happened throughout the coastal mountain area. Green grass and wildflowers popped up everywhere, while dead-looking branches became thriving bushes again.

Though not quite as remarkable, circumstances were similar after last year's devastating canyon fires. Following winter showers, charred mountainsides began to show life again. Some trees did definitely die, but many oaks stood firm, sprouting new leaves in springtime. Never lose hope.

