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Ellen (pictured right) and Larry Beans get two 1,000-gallon drums delivered to their Moraga home.

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# Even after recent storms, locals work to save water

By Diane Claytor

Bomb cyclone. Atmospheric river. Pineapple Express. Whatever name weather forecasters gave the recent Bay Area storms, it amounted to one thing: a huge amount of rain falling very quickly in a relatively short time span.

In an interview with National Public Radio (NPR) last month, UC Santa Cruz professor, Andrew Fisher, said that with rain falling so quickly, we lack the ability to set water aside fast enough in a spot where it can be stored for future use. "It's not as simple as putting out a big bucket," Fisher declared.

At least two Moraga households may beg to differ with Professor Fisher's bucket statement.

Larry and Ellen Beans, self-proclaimed activists

and environmentalists, are longtime Moraga residents. Ellen Beans remembers they really learned how to save water during the extreme drought in 1974. "Water came down the hillside across the street from our Marin house," she recalls, "and we harvested that water, as well as washing machine rinse water and shower water, to use in our garden. Conserving has always been a part of our lifestyle," she explains.

Even with a fairly drought-tolerant garden, the Beans watched their water bill increase so Ellen Beans began looking for additional ways to save water. The more she learned, the more interested she became in collecting rainwater. She examined their roof and concluded that "we could get the most bang for the buck by taking water from the largest section of the roof." They reconfigured the gutters and the

pipes coming down from the gutters so that all the water from that section ran off from one of the corners. Larry Beans purchased two 50-gallon drums, which he connected so that when one was full, water would flow to the other one. He was also collecting pickle buckets from a local restaurant's trash, using them to take water from the drums and then watering their plants. "I had buckets with water and pickle juice watering the garden," he said jokingly.

Late last year, the Beans decided it was time to "go bigger." More research and Ellen Beans determined they could fit two 500-gallon drums in their side yard. But Larry Beans said, "If we're going to do it, let's really do it." After much convincing, "Larry won out," Ellen Beans admits, proudly showing off their two 1,000-gallon drums, installed in December.

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# Lamorinda schools prepped to handle potential overdose cases



Faux fentanyl lethal dose

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By Sora O'Doherty

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Jan. 13 the staff at Acalanes High School responded quickly to a student medical emergency involving fentanyl, with the school

nurse immediately administering naxolone (the generic form of Narcan, which is an antidote to the opioid drug) to the student. The student was then transported by emergency responders, who provided additional medical care. Acalanes High School Principal Eric Shawn sent a letter to the families of Acalanes students expressing his gratitude for the immediate response of the school's administrative and medical team, and the rapid response of medical professionals who provided the necessary emergency care.

Superintendent John Nickerson of the Acalanes Union High School District said that the district has had three cases where fentanyl has been ingested by students during the last 12 months. Some of those incidents occurred at school, some outside of school.

According to Nickerson, AUHSD was one of the first districts in California to pass a board policy to allow Narcan on campus. Although authorized in 2017, the recent incident was the first time Narcan had been used in an AUHSD school. The superintendent added that the incident and the response of staff was very traumatic, even to the school nurse. AUHSD is planning more student education regarding fentanyl and Narcan, in addition to more staff training for teachers, nurses and school administrators. Nickerson noted that response training is significant because with opioid overdoses, minutes, and sometimes even seconds matter.

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