Insecticide Impairment of Urban Waters:

Recent successes and upcoming challenges



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Pyrethroids: widespread toxicity in California urban waters

- Majority of tested creeks
- Multiple pyrethroids
- Mostly sediment, some water column
- Direct connection to urban runoff
- Urban>>Agricultural areas

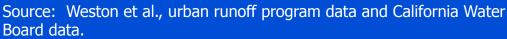
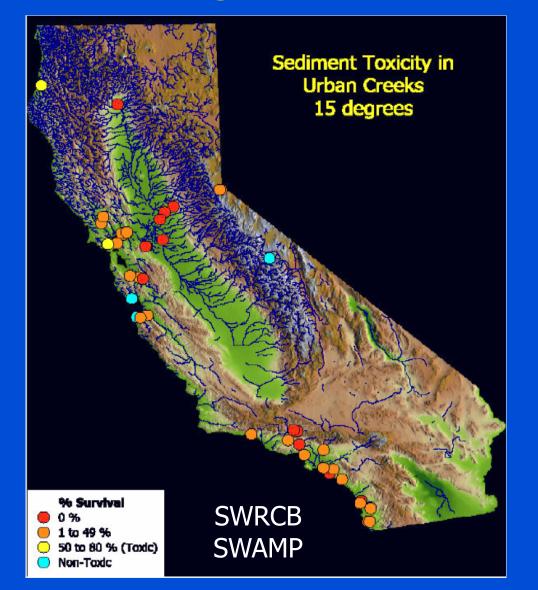




Photo courtesy Don Weston

Hyalella azteca (amphipod)

Current challenge: Widespread pyrethroid toxicity



Biggest Source: Argentine ant control conducted legally by licensed professionals



Due to widespread insecticide toxicity, Clean Water Act <u>compliance</u> probably not attainable without FIFRA help



Up against a common belief:

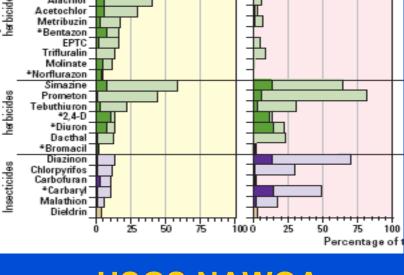
 If EPA "approved" (registered) a pesticide, it must be OK for the environment, if used according to the label.



But....registered pesticides common in water bodies

Pesticides in the Nation's Streams and Ground Water, 1992–2001

44 Pesticides in the Nation's Streams and Ground Water, 1992–2001 Pesticides detected most frequently in water Strea Agricultural Urban Atrazine Deethylatrazine Métolachior Cvanazine Agricultural herbicides Alachlor Acetochlor Metribuzin *Bentazon EPTC Trifluralin Molinate *Norflurazon Simazine herbicides Prometon Urban Tebuthiuron[®] *2,4-D *Diuron



USGS NAWQA

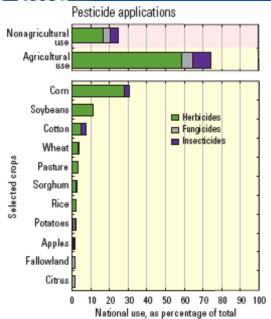


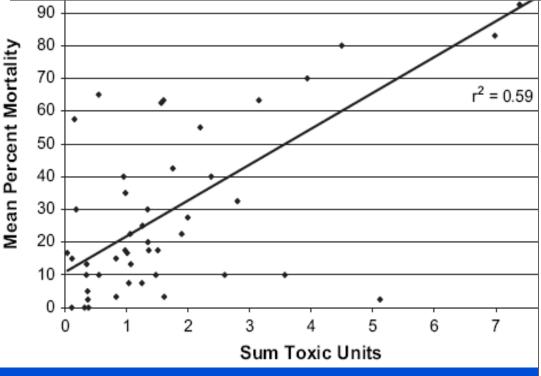
Figure 2-2. Agricultural use of pesticides in 2001 was about three times greater than nonagricultural use. However, nonagricultural uses, such as applications to control weeds and insects in urban and suburban areas, were second only to corn when compared with individual crops. (Pesticide use estimates for individual crops are for 1997 and are from Gianessi and Marcelli, 2000; use estimates for total agricultural and nonagricultural uses are for 2001 and are from Kiely and others, 2004.)

Not just California: Central Texas urban pyrethroids 2008



Occurrence and potential toxicity of pyrethroids and other insecticides in bed sediments of urban streams in central Texas

Emily P. Hintzen^a, Michael J. Lydy^b, Jason B. Belden^{c,*}



From Hintzen, et al 2008

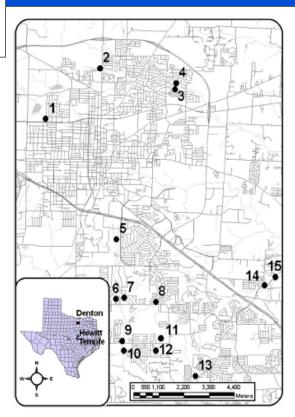


Fig. 1. Map of streams and sample sites in Denton, TX, USA. Sites are identified by numbers on Table 3. Stream flow is from West to East. Hewitt and Temple are shown in the inset.

Pesticide Registration: A Reality Check

 "Gaps in pesticide regulatory programs...result in discharges that adversely affect urban creek water quality"

San Francisco Bay OP Pesticide TMDL

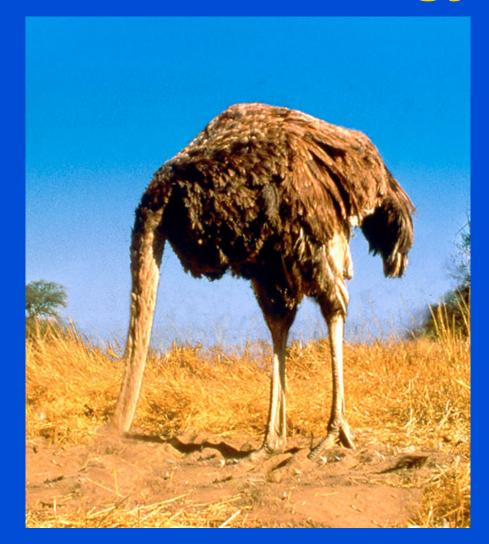
Photo courtesy NOAA

California local agencies cannot regulate pesticide use.

"...no local government "may prohibit or in any way attempt to regulate any matter relating to the registration, sale, transportation, or use of pesticides..."

California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1

So what's our strategy?...



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Regulatory Initiatives

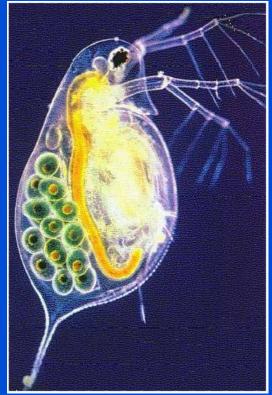
A key strategy to address pesticide toxicity

- Sufficient authority to regulate pesticide <u>use</u> resides with:
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - California Environmental Protection Agency

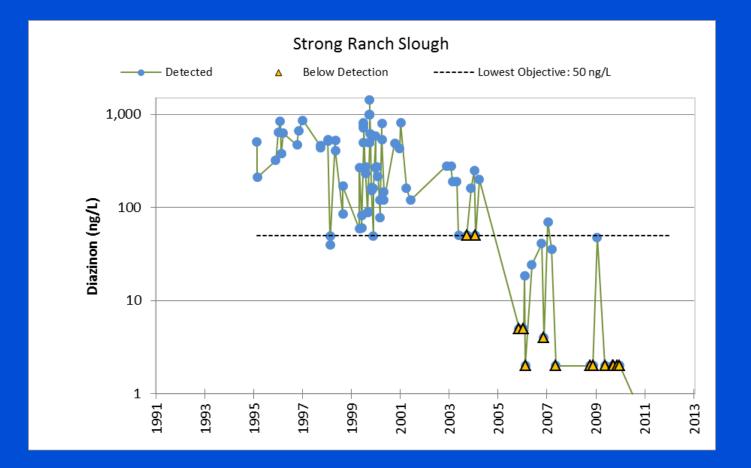
Past experience – Proof of Concept

Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos toxicity in most urban areas of California, 1990s.

- San Diego
- Sacramento
- San Joaquin
- Orange
- Ventura
- San Francisco Bay Area (9 Counties)

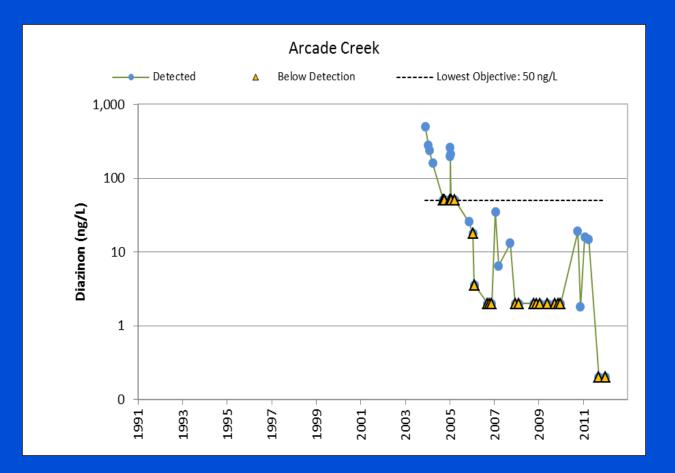


Diazinon concentrations Strong Ranch Slough, Sacramento, 1995-2011



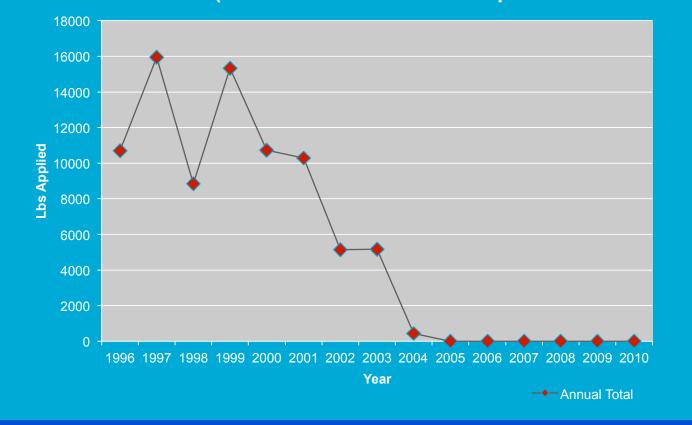
Diazinon concentrations

Arcade Creek, Sacramento, 2003-2011

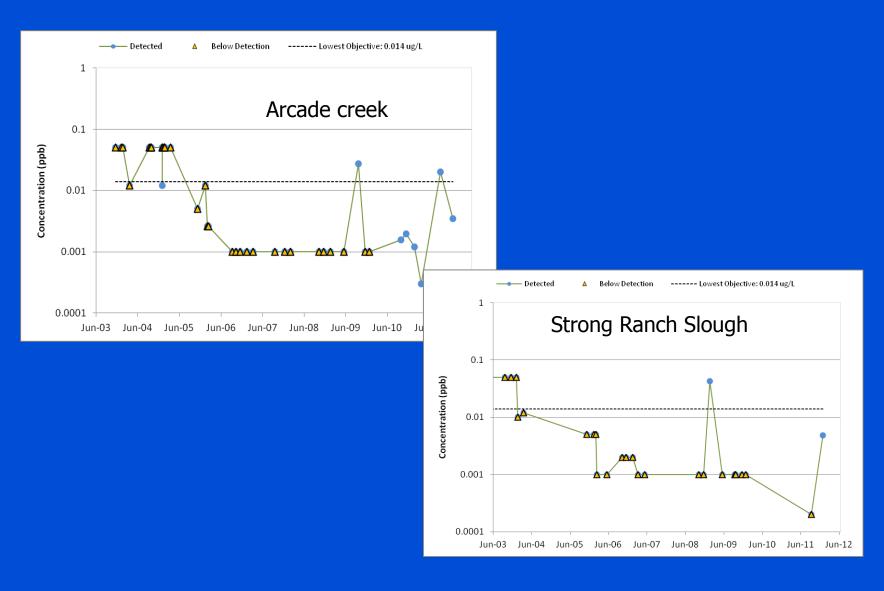


Diazinon Reported Urban Use

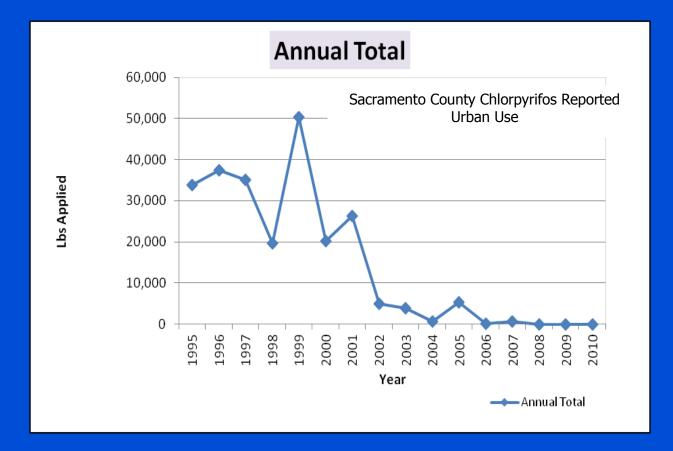
Sacramento County 1996-2010 (from DPR Pesticide Use Report Database



Chlorpyrifos: similar story



Chlorpyrifos use



Right here in San Diego

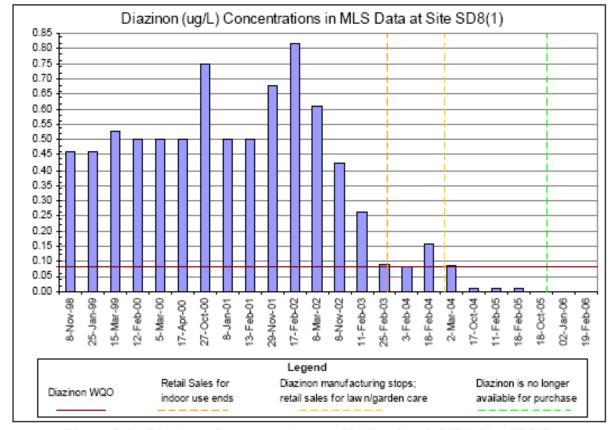
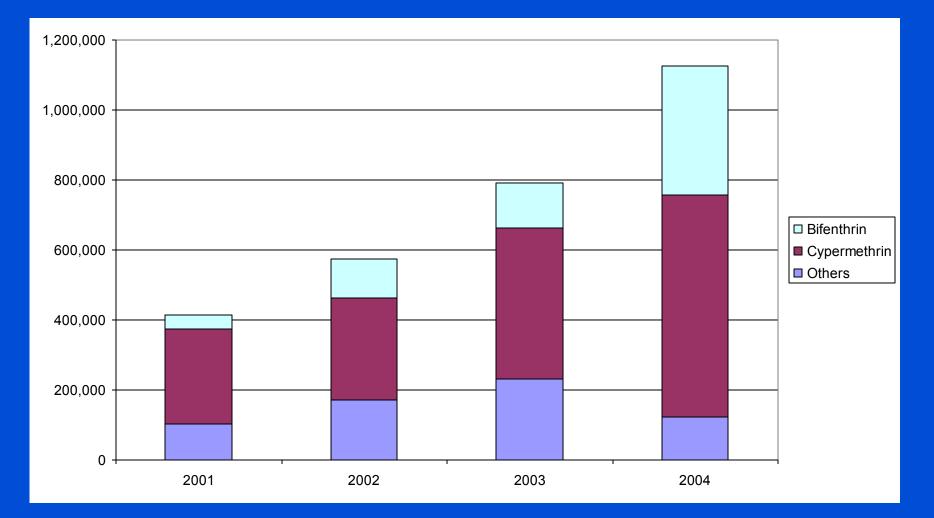


Figure 1-2. Diazinon Concentrations at Chollas Creek MLS Site SD8(1)

Source: City of San Diego, Chollas Creek TMDL Source Loading, Best Management Practices, and Monitoring Strategy Assessment, prepared by Weston Solutions, September 2006.

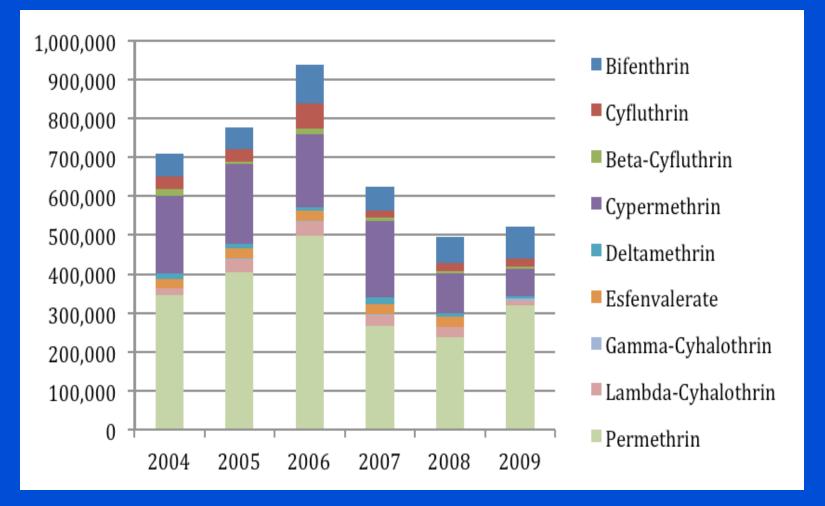
Uh oh...switch to pyrethroids



Estimated use of study list pyrethroids in the San Francisco Bay Area 2001-2004 (permethrin equivalents)

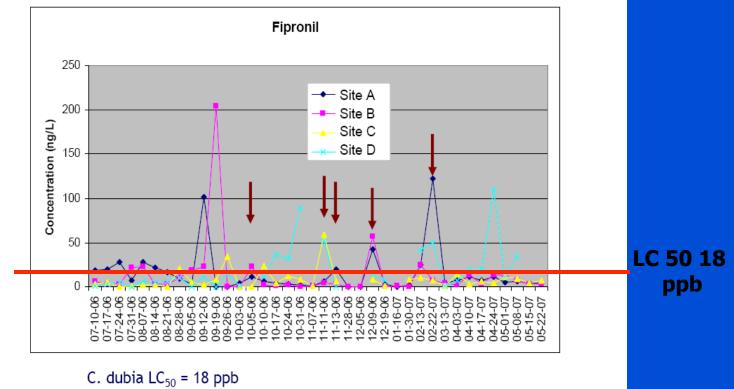
Pyrethroid urban use trending down...

1996-2010. DPR Pesticide Use Report Database



Fipronil on the horizon

Fipronil in North CA Runoff

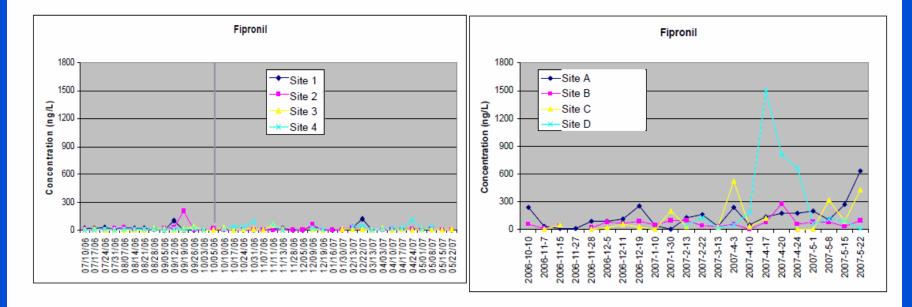


Data and graphic by J. Gan

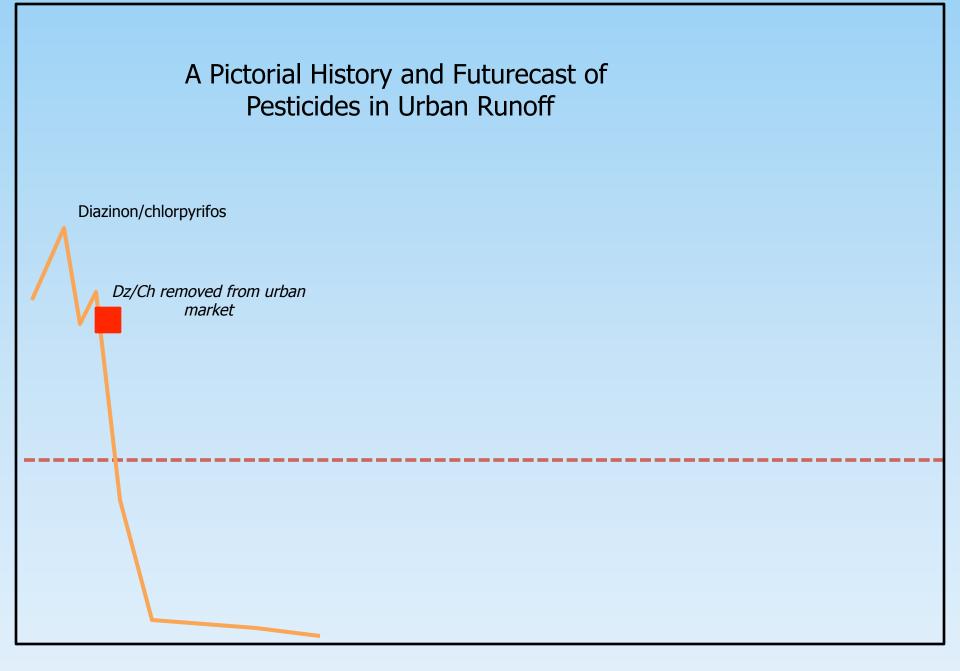
Silver lining (if you're in northern California)

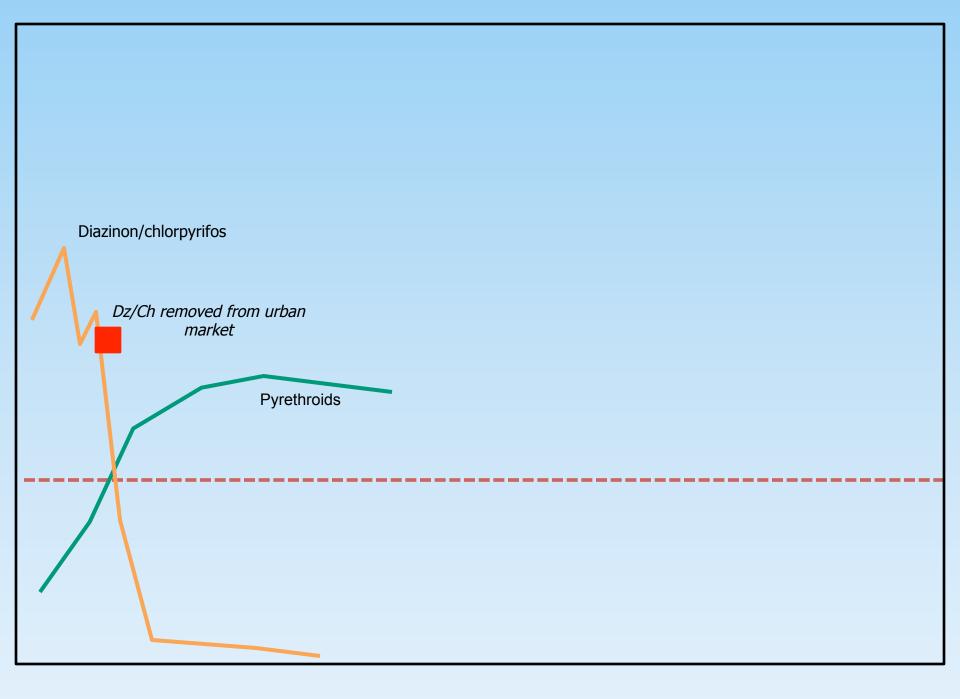
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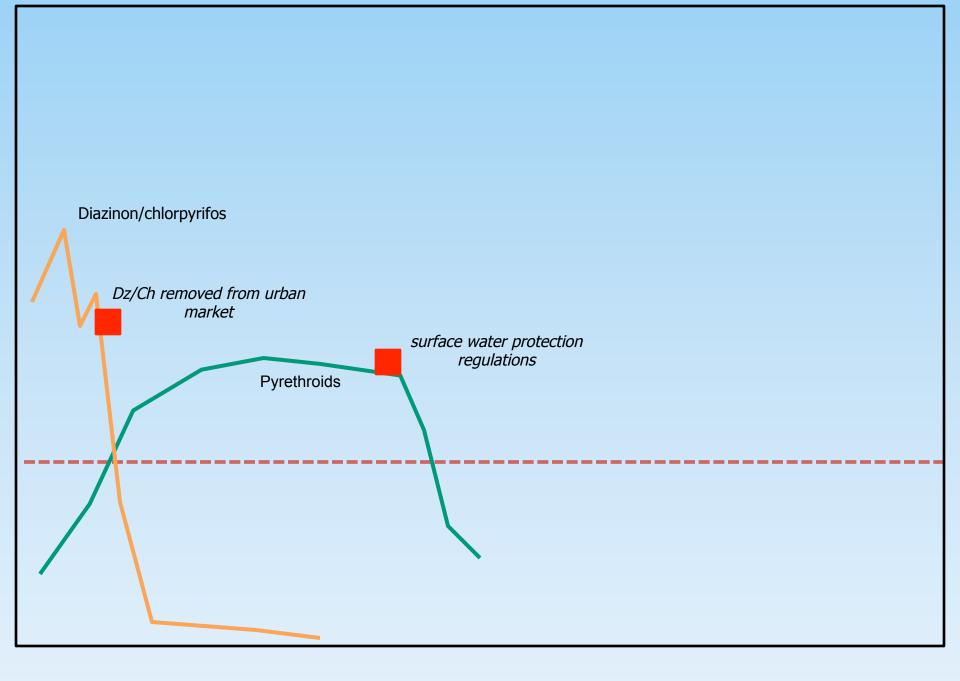
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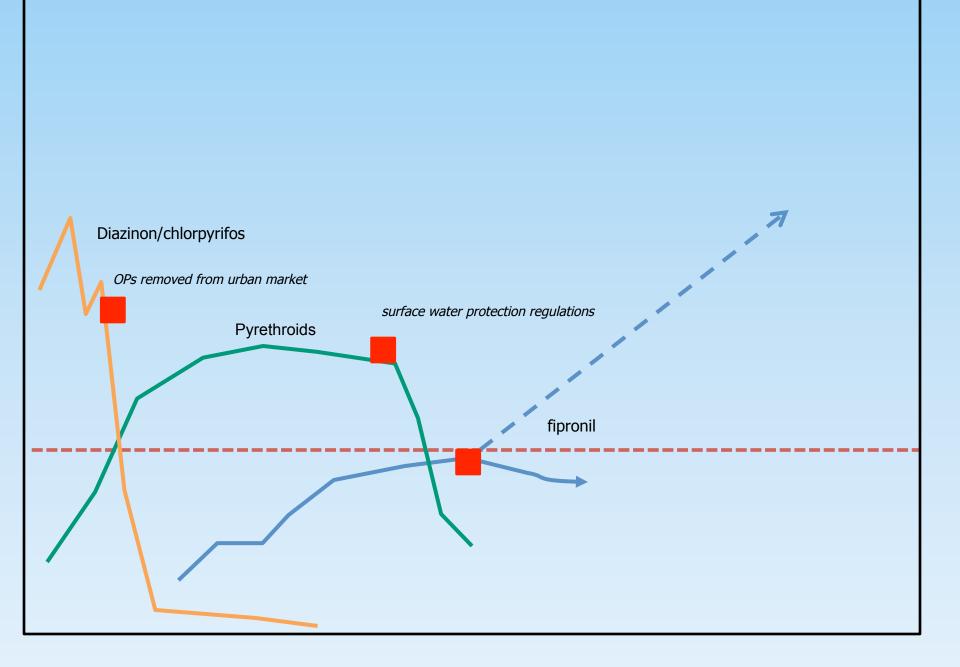


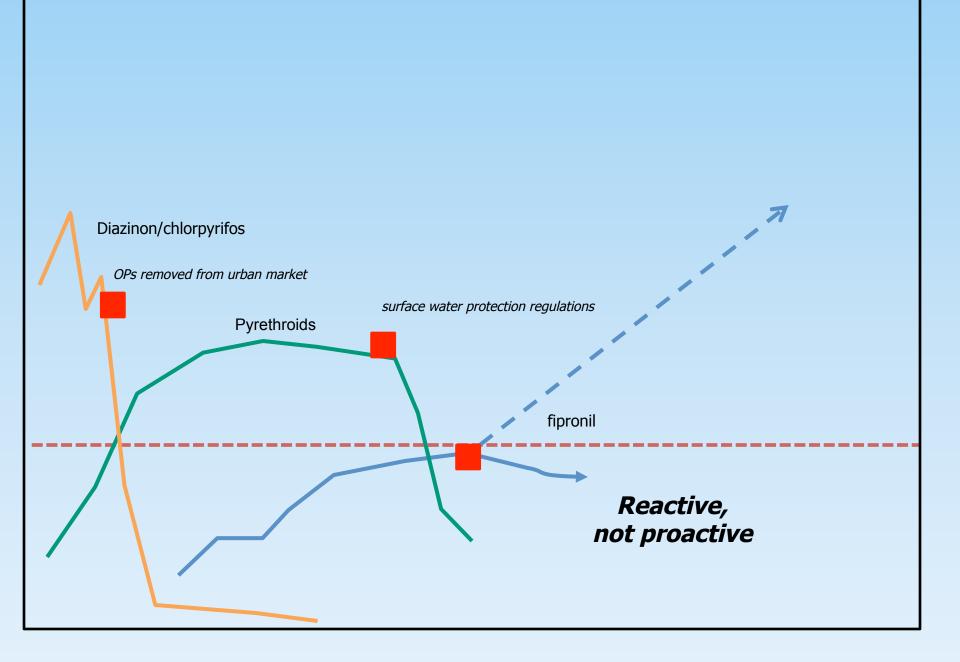
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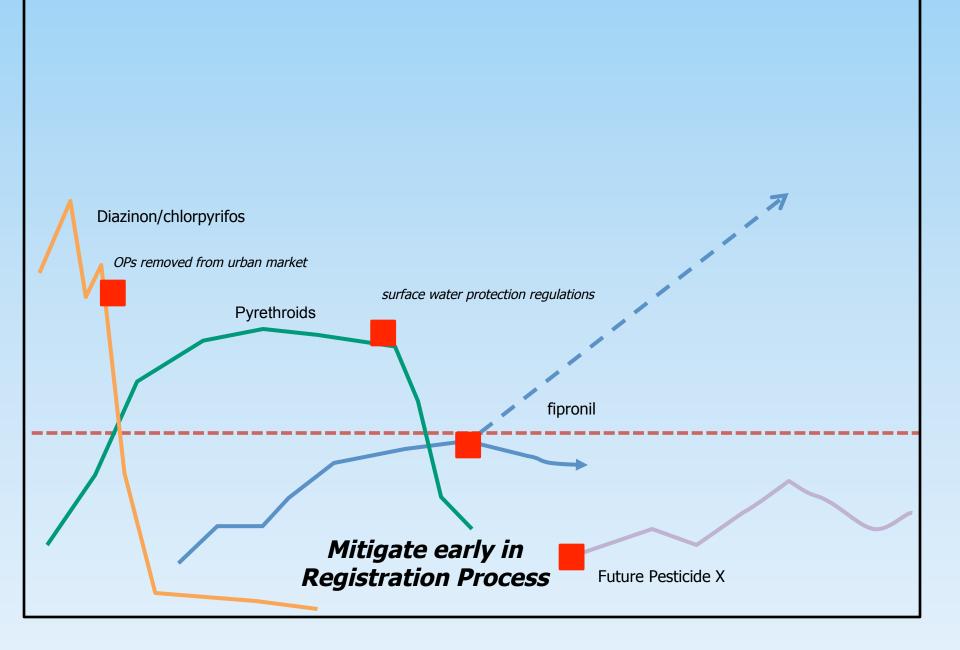




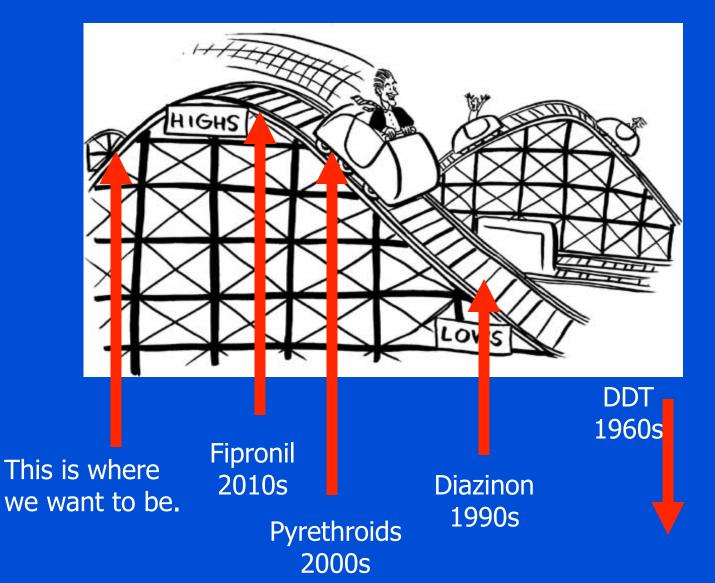








Where do we go from here?



Recent successes point the way:

DPR Surface Water Protection Regulations

- July 19, 2012
- Restricts pyrethroid applications
- Only applies to licensees
- Works in concert with EPA bifenthrin labels
- UC Davis study predicts 85% reduction in stormwater (Jorgenson et al)

Recent Success: EPA Bifenthrin Label changes

- No application to horizontal impervious surfaces (unless protected from runoff)
- Restricts applications to vertical surfaces



Pyrethroid Label Language Changes EPA PR Notice 2008-1



Environmental Hazard and General Labeling for Pyrethroid Non-Agricultural Outdoor Products

Current as of November 2011

Overview of Initiative

To reduce ecological exposure from residential uses of pyrethroids, EPA has revised the "Environmental Hazard Statements" and general "Directions for Use" for pyrethroid pesticide products used in non-agricultural outdoor settings. These label statements will lead to reduced potential for runoff and drift that can result from applications of pyrethroid end-use products by both professional pesticide control operators and residential consumers in residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial areas. The label statements spell out good stewardship and best-management practices and clarify how these types of products are intended to be used.

While much of the information on this page is designed to help pesticide manufacturers understand the labeling changes, consumers can also use the practices, described in the box to the right, to help protect valuable water resources.

Actions for Consumers to Reduce Spray Drift and Runoff from Pyrethroid Pesticide Product Applications

When applying pyrethroid pesticides around your home, follow these good stewardship practices to protect water resources by reducing runoff and spray drift.

- Only apply the pesticide directly to the treatment area.
- Be mindful of the location of storm drains, drainage ditches, gutters, or surface waters during a pesticide application. Apply the pesticide in a manner that does not allow the product to enter these areas.
- Applying pesticides during calm weather conditions, when rain is not predicted for the next 24 hours, will help to ensure that wind or rain does not blow or wash pesticide off the treatment area.
- Rinsing application equipment, such as watering cans, low pressure hand wands, backpack sprayers, etc. over the treated area will help avoid runoff to water bodies or drainage systems.
- When applying granular products, sweeping any product that lands on a driveway, sidewalk, street, or other hard impervious surface, back onto the treated area of the lawn or garden will help to prevent runoff to water bodies or drainage systems.
- When watering treated areas, refer to the watering-in instructions on the label, and ensure you do not water the treated area to the point of runoff.

Label Language Changes

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. Remove from premises or tightly cover fish tanks and disconnect aerators when applying indoors where such containers are present. Do not apply when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas. Drift and runoff from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas. To protect the environment, do not allow pesticide to enter or run off into storm drains, drainage ditches, gutters or surface waters. Applying this product in calm weather when rain is not predicted for the next 24 hr will help to ensure that wind or rain does not blow or wash pesticide off the treatment area. Rinsing

application equipment over the treated area will help avoid run-off to water bodies or drainage systems.

Label Language Changes

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

IT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW TO USE THIS PRODUCT IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH ITS LABELING. USE RESTRICTIONS

- Do not apply this product through any type of irrigation system.
- Do not make applications during rain.
- Do not apply water-based sprays of this product to conduits, motor housing, junction and switch boxes or other electrical equipment because of possible shock hazard. Do not spray where electrical short circuits might result, such as wall outlets, conduits, etc.
- Do not apply in aircraft cabins.
- Do not use in outdoor residential misting systems.
- Do not apply to humans, their clothing or bedding. Do not allow children or pets to contact treated surfaces until spray has dried. Do not contaminate food or use on household pets. Cover fish tanks prior to application. Do not apply this product in patient rooms while occupied or in any rooms while occupied by the elderly or infirm. Do not apply to classrooms when in use.
- Do not contaminate food, feedstuffs, or water supply. Do not contaminate food preparation surfaces, kitchen utensils, dishes, or feed storage containers. Cover any food/feed contact surfaces and cooking utensils in the treatment area during treatment or thoroughly clean before using.
- Do not water the treated area to the point of run-off.

All outdoor applications must be limited to spot or Crack & Crevice® treatments only, except for the following permitted uses.

- 1. Treatment to soil or vegetation around structures;
- 2. Applications to lawns, turf and other vegetation;

3. Applications to building foundations, up to a maximum height of 3 ft. Other than applications to building foundations, all outdoor applications to impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, patios, porches and structural surfaces (such as windows, doors and eaves) are limited to spot and Crack & Crevice applications only.

Do not apply directly to sewers or drains, or to any area like a gutter where drainage to sewers, storm drains, water bodies or aquatic habitat can occur, except as directed by this label.

Industry reaction: Compliance Assistance videos

Regulatory Information

Essential Pyrethroids Information

New Label Requirements!

Company Sponsors

Professional pest control operators will soon be required to make changes in how they apply pyrethroid pesticides. The changes are the result of new label requirements at the federal level and new regulations being developed in California.

Resources & News

LEARN MORE

Pyrethroid Working Group

PWG2PMP

presents

A Video Series: "Understanding California's New Pyrethroid Regulations"

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Consumer Information Benefits

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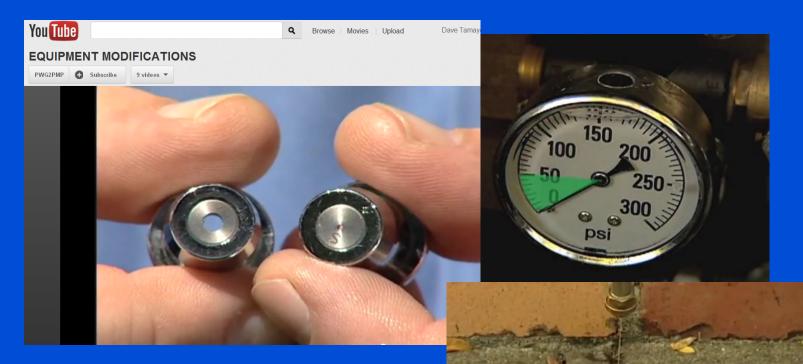


Visit our YouTube channel for helpful instructional videos!

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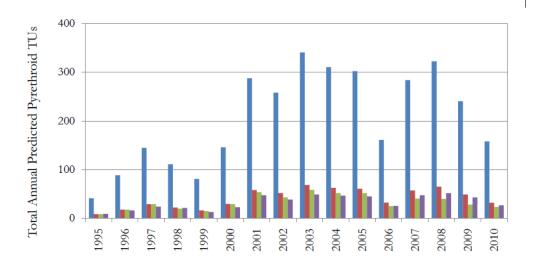


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Crack and Crevice Treatment

UC Davis findings (Jorgenson et al.)

Model Predicted Effectiveness of Proposed DPR Surface Water Protection Rules



Baseline DPR SWR No. 1 DP

Conclusions



• With respect to pyrethroids, model predicts dramatic improvement in lower American River water quality with Cal DPR surface water protection rules (80-85% reduction in TUs)

A proactive approach * 2005 letter to US EPA:

"...a key goal of the registration review process should be to protect water quality and minimize the need to mitigate pesticide impacts through Clean Water Act mechanisms."

* California Stormwater Quality Association

Solution:

 Effective, proactive pesticide regulation based on existing statutory authority.

- FIFRA (US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs)

 Calif Food and Ag Code (Calif Dept of Pesticide Regulatio)

CASQA / Stormwater pesticide efforts

- Pesticides Subcommittee
- EPA OPP advisory committee
 Pesticide Programs Dialogue Committee
- DPR Advisory committees
 - Pest Management Advisory Committee
- Structural Pest Control Board
 - Appointed Board member
 - IPM licensing and continuing education
 - IPM marketing

Funding for technical support



Regulatory Initiatives



California Stormwater Quality Task Force

CASQA



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Letter to USEPA, 10/26/99 Subject: Call to action - Pesticide-related toxicity in urban surface waters

October 26, 1999

Ms. Carol Browner Administrator USEPA 401 M Street, SW Washington, DC 20460

Ms. Susan Wayland Assistant Administrator - Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) USEPA 401 M Street, SW Washington, DC 20460

Mr. J. Charles Fox Assistant Administrator - Office of Water (OW)

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Key Partners

- Calif Department of Pesticide Regulation
- SF RWQCB
- CV RWQCB
- SWRCB
- Region 9 EPA

Stormwater Regulatory goals:



US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs

- Agency wide institutionalization of WQ protections

- Urban pathway analysis
- Aquatic toxicity data
- CWA/FIFRA Harmonization
- Effective label restrictions

Registration improvements needed

- Urban pathways
- Sediment fate and toxicity
- Data for water quality criteria
 8 species, appropriate species
- Wash-off data for urban surfaces
- Commercially viable analytical methods for environmental samples
- Clear and rational data exemption criteria

CWA vs. FIFRA test species

bifenthrin water exposures LC₅₀ values (from ECOTOX database)





Ceriodaphnia dubia = 0.107 µg/L



Hyalella azteca = 0.0093 µg/L

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bifenthrin water exposures LC₅₀ values (from ECOTOX database)



Daphnia magna = 1.4 µg/L



Ceriodaphnia dubia = 0.107 µg/L

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Achievement: Partnership with DPR

Surface Water Protection Regulations
 pyrethroid applications by licensees

New screening mechanisms for water body impacts

IPM research and dissemination

Key partner in dealing with US EPA

DPR AI screening (draft)

Indicator #4: use pattern

- Pesticide use patterns with high exposure potentials to surface water:
 - Aquatic and rice pesticides
 - Urban/residential uses
 - Crops with gravity irrigation (DWR irrigation survey)
 - Crops with top acreages in California (PUR database and DWR land use survey)
 - Winter rain season application
 - Pre-emergent application

Achievement: Changes at US EPA Office of Pesticide Programs

- Pyrethroid label changes
- Stringent Bifenthrin label changes
- Pyrethroid registration review frontloaded
- "Harmonize" CWA FIFRA WQ analysis
- Urban pathway analysis
- More appropriate WQ data requirements



Ongoing challenge: A Moving Target

- 1,012 registered pesticides 12,890 registered products currently
- 900 pesticides and 11,000 products in late 1990s.
- Environmental monitoring changes
 - Fungicides
 - Herbicides



 All regulated and reviewed by about 750 employees at OPP...

Result: Whack-a-Mole



Ongoing challenges: EPA still needs better understanding of urban pesticide pathways



Ongoing Challenges: ANPR EPA Bay Delta Plan (2011)

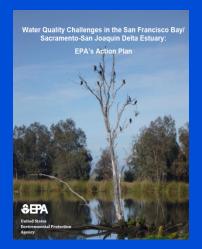


- What new or revised effluent limitations, monitoring requirements or other permit requirements could be included in NPDES permits for discharges of pesticides from MS4s in the Bay Delta Estuary in order to better meet the regulatory standard of reducing discharges to the maximum extent practicable?
- What information is necessary to determine permit requirements, such as identifying effluent limits that can effectively reduce ambient contaminant concentrations and restore designated uses?

CASQA Response: Meeting with Region 9 EPA

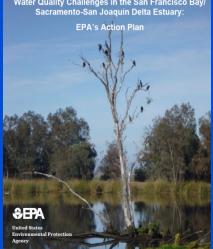
- Organized by CASQA Pesticides Subcommittee
- Educated EPA on California actions for pesticides
 - CASQA
 - Sacramento and Bay Area MS4s
 - Region 2 and Region 5





Result: Bay Delta Action Plan (2012) Water Quality Challenges in the San Francisco Bay

 California is a national leader in monitoring and investigating pesticide effects on aquatic species and taking actions to reduce pesticide-caused water quality impairments and aquatic toxicity through pollution prevention programs.



State agencies are using federal CWA tools and state water and pesticide laws to identify numeric water quality criteria, support monitoring, reporting, and assessment programs, control pesticides at the discharge site, and remove pesticides from runoff before entering the aquatic ecosystem.

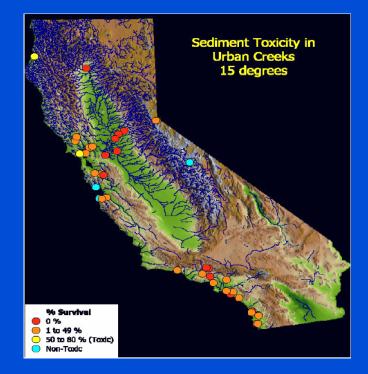
But...

 d. If aquatic toxicity from urban runoff persists in the Bay Delta Estuary and its tributaries, EPA recommends evaluating the use of residual designation authority to establish a Delta Region Municipal MS4 permit.



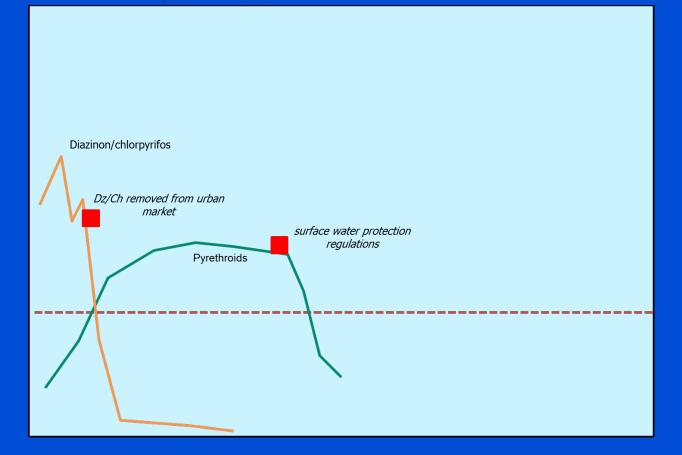
Coming your way? Sacramento MS4 Audit August 2012

OP and pyrethroid toxicity was a key topic of interest.

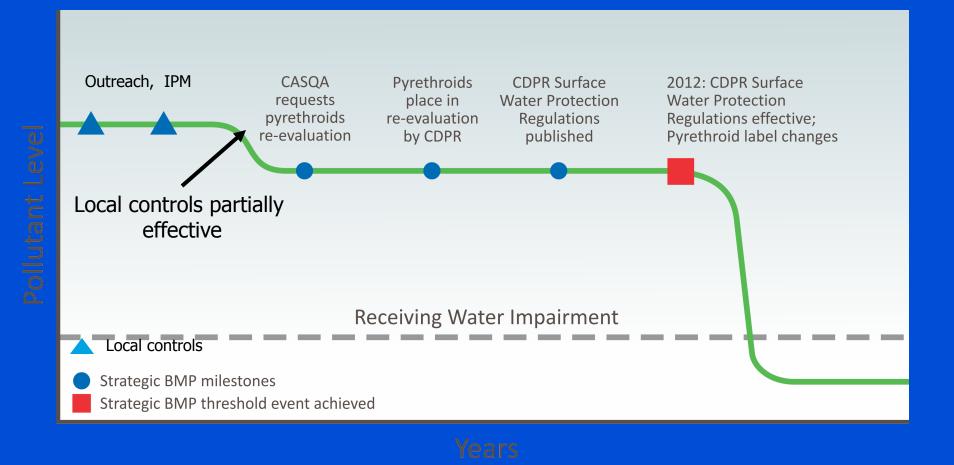


Sacramento MS4 Audit August 2012

And this story helped a lot.



Patience and persistence required: strategic thresholds



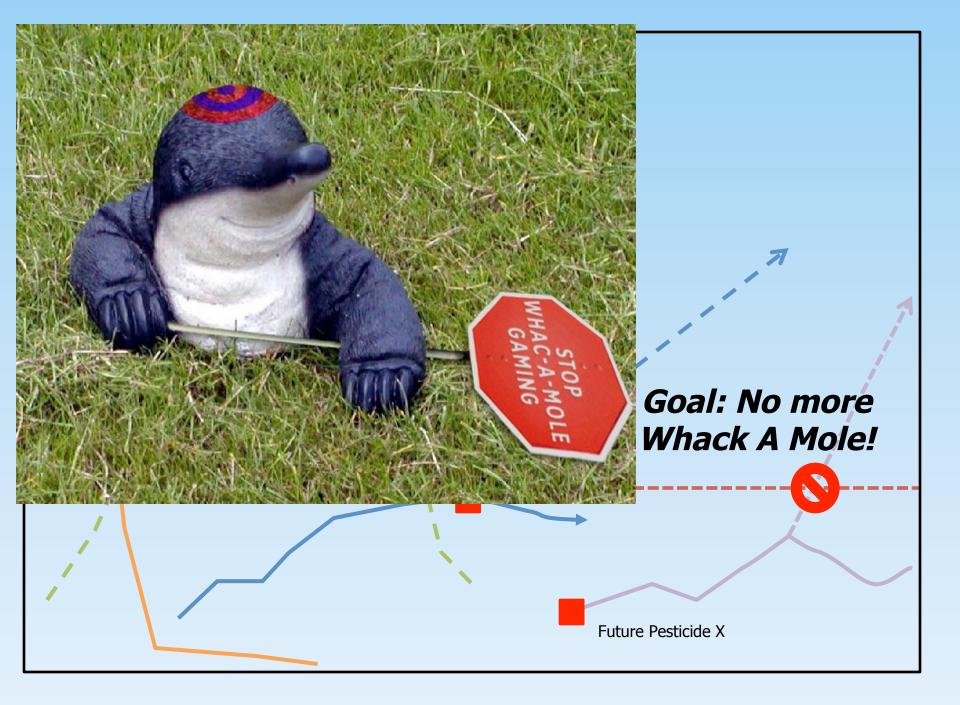
Working together, we can solve sticky problems.



Photo courtesy D. Choe



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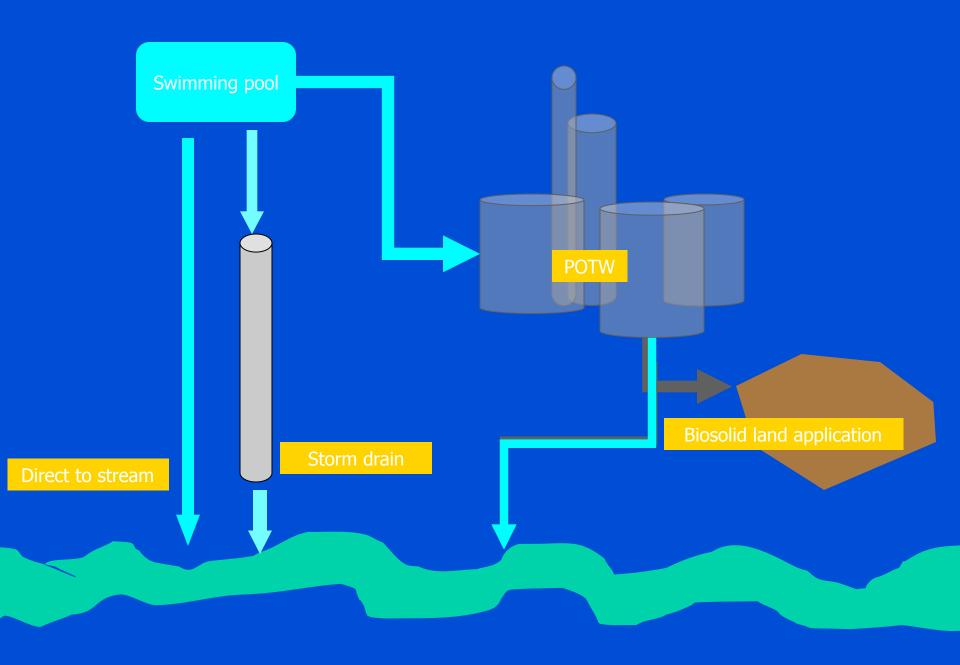


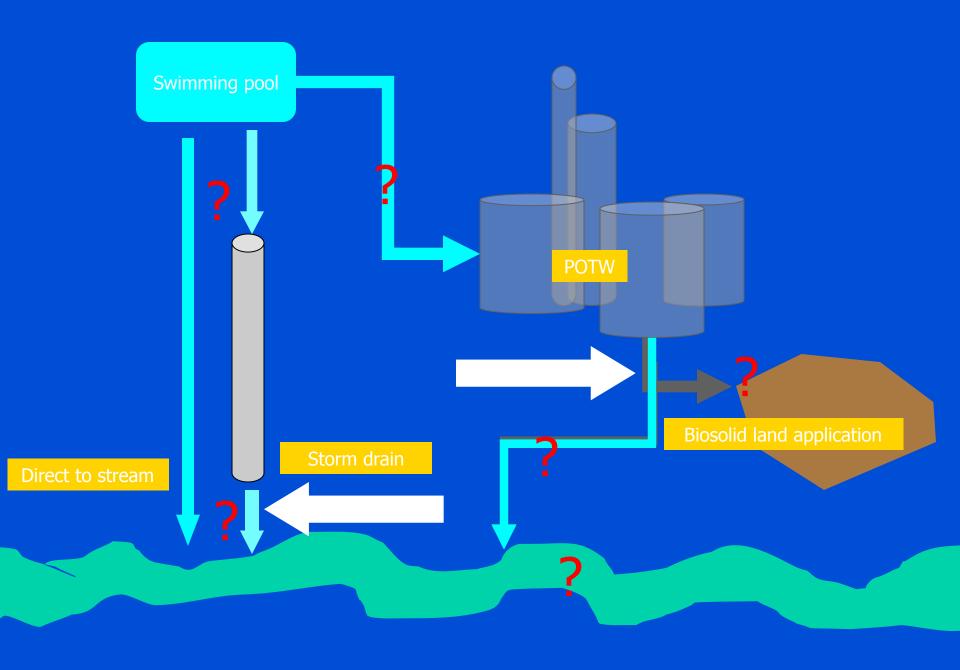


Which Pesticide Uses Are Most Important for Urban Runoff?









Low summer flow



Achievement: Partnership with DPR

- Pyrethroid re-evaluation
- Surface Water Protection Regulations
- Active ingredient screening mechanisms for WQ
- Surface water monitoring program
- Increased urban focus
- IPM research and dissemination
- Negotiation with US EPA



Surface Water Protection Regulations

- Reduce pyrethroid applications to horizontal impervious surfaces
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- UC Davis study: 85% reduction in stormwater (Jorgenson et al)
- Effective July 19, 2012
- Surveillance monitoring

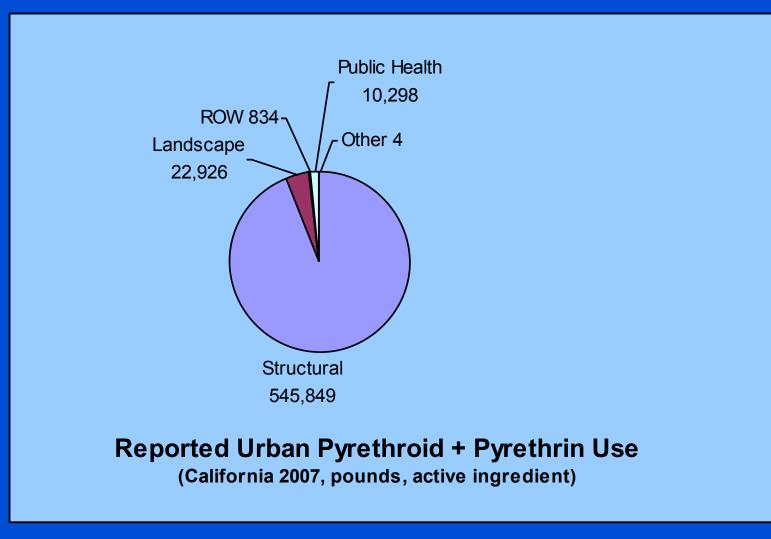


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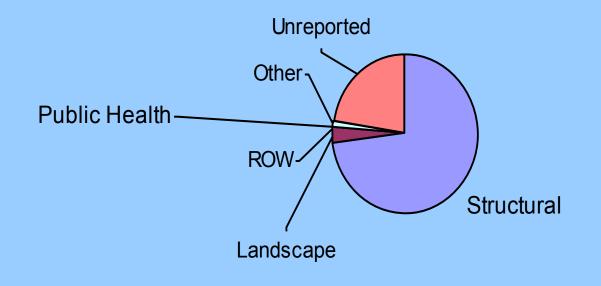


Source: CDPR PUR

Unreported uses add to the pie.

Urban Pyrethroid and Pyrethrins, California 2007

reported uses and unreported estimate (sales minus reported)



Source: CDPR PUR and sales

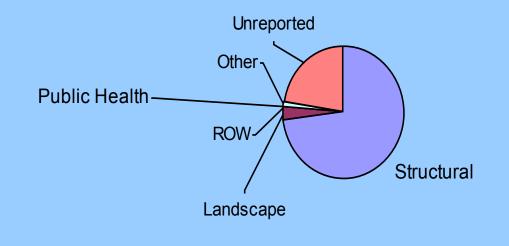
Stormwater Strategy:

Use FIFRA to address the BIG part of the pie.



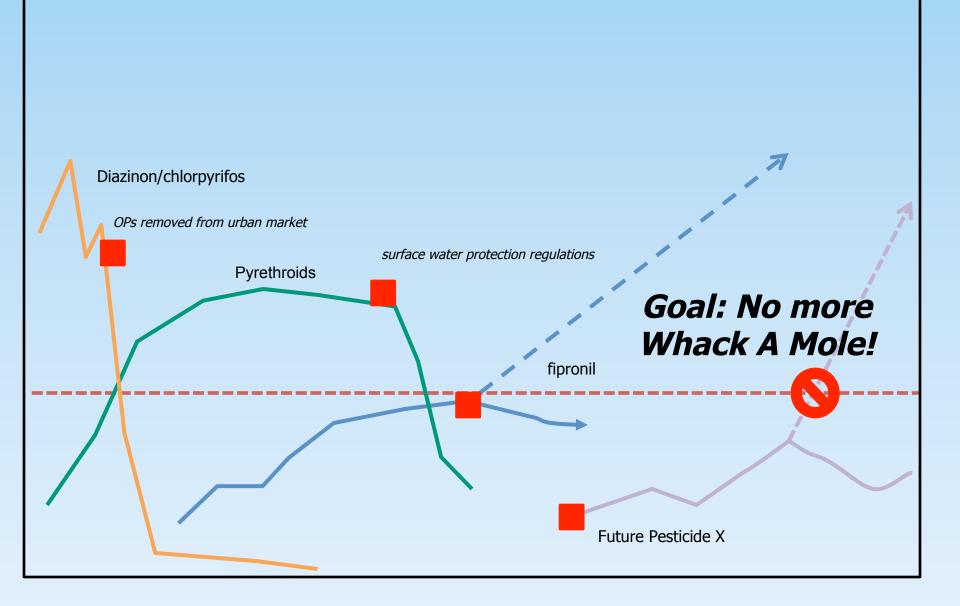
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MS4 Permit requires chemical and toxicity testing





OUTDOOR/PERIMETER PESTS (cont.)		
	been found, or can find shelter. In ant management programs, apply to flower, shrub or ornamental plant beds where ants may be nest- ing, find food or forage.	
Application Restrictions	Do not water the treated area to the point of run-off Do not make applications during rain. All outdoor applications must be limited to spot or crack-and-crevice treatments only, <u>except</u> for the fol- lowing permitted uses: (1) Treatment to soil or vegetation around structures; (2) Applications to lawns, turf, and other vegetation; (3) Applications to building foundations, up to a maximum height of 3 feet. Other than applications to building foundations, all outdoor applications to impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, patios, porches and structural surfaces (such as windows, doors, and eaves) are limited to spot and crack-and-crevice applications, only. Application is prohibited directly into sewers or drains, or to any area like a gutter where drainage to sewers, storm drains, water bodies, or aquatic habitat can occur. Do not allow the product to enter any drain during or after application.	

Label Language Changing

EPA PR Notice 2008-1

Environmental Hazard and General Labeling for Pyrethroid Non-Agricultural Outdoor Products			
Description	Amended Labeling Language	Placement on Label	
End-Use Products Intended for Occupational Use (WPS and Non-WPS)			
Note to Registrant:			
Please note that the following Environmental Hazard Statements (per PR Notice 2008-1) are only intended to replace either of the following statements, whichever one appears on the pesticide label, typically found on products registered for an outdoor use:			
 "Do not apply directly to water. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters or rinsate." 			
 "For terrestrial uses: Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate." 			
Other required environmental statements must remain on the label, such as wildlife hazard statements as toxicology data dictate (e.g., specific precautionary			
statements concerning bees, fish or aquatic organisms).			
Environmental hazard statements on	"To protect the environment, do not allow pesticide to enter or run off into	Environmental Hazard Statement	
Liquid Concentrate consumer outdoor	storm drains, drainage ditches, gutters or surface waters. Applying this		
products (e.g., liquids mixed with water	product in calm weather when rain is not predicted for the next 24 hours		
by the user for a tank sprayer or hose-	will help to ensure that wind or rain does not blow or wash pesticide off		
end attachment)	the treatment area. Rinsing application equipment over the treated area		
-	will help avoid run off to water bodies or drainage systems."		
Environmental hazard statements on	"To protect the environment, do not allow pesticide to enter or run off into	Environmental Hazard Statement	
Broadcast Granular consumer outdoor	storm drains, drainage ditches, gutters or surface waters. Applying this		
products (e.g., ready-to-use granular products which may be combined with	product in calm weather when rain is not predicted for the next 24 hours		
fertilizers and broadcast applied with a	will help to ensure that wind or rain does not blow or wash pesticide off		
drop or rotary spreader)	the treatment area. Sweeping any product that lands on a driveway, sidewalk, or street, back onto the treated area of the lawn or garden will		
arop or rotary spreader)	help to prevent run off to water bodies or drainage systems."		
Environmental hazard statements on	"To protect the environment, do not allow pesticide to enter or run off into	Environmental Hazard Statement	
Dusts consumer outdoor products (e.g.,	storm drains, drainage ditches, gutters or surface waters. Applying this	Little characteria in the state of state of the state of	
for garden or ornamental)	product in calm weather when rain is not predicted for the next 24 hours		
	will help to ensure that wind or rain does not blow or wash pesticide off		
	the treatment area."		



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Conclusions

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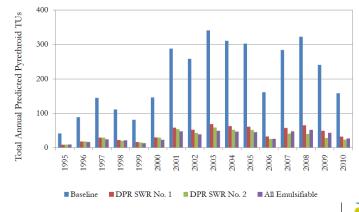
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