# Fipronil & Current Use Pesticides

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### Needs

- Current Use Pesticides
  - Fipronil should we add water matrix?
  - What other pesticides should we consider?
    - In what matrices?
- RMP CUP Workshop meeting May/June
   No final decisions today, guidance/info



# Fipronil

- Current use insecticide
  - Increased market share
  - Pyrethroids & other insecticides decreasing
  - Urban use
- Found in runoff & streams
- UP3 recommended including fipronil & degradates in water quality monitoring

#### Overview

- Phenylpyrazole insecticide
- Disrupts nerve function via GABA (Yaminobutyric acid type A) receptors
- log K<sub>ow</sub> 3.5
- 1987 developed
- 1993 introduced for use
- 1996 registered for US use





Uses



- Turf products
- Seed treatments
- Topical pet care products
- Gel baits (e.g., ants)
- Liquid termiticides
- Agriculture (not in CA DPR 2007)



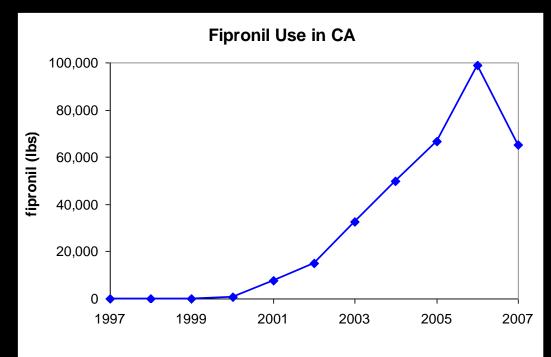






### Use - CA

- ~38,000 lbs use in CA in 2010 (CADPR 2011)
- Not registered for ag. use in CA
  - Emergency exceptions
- 37 products registered in CA (DPR 2009)



# **Existing Regulations**

- No EPA WQC or SQC
- LA surface freshwater TMDL
  - 4.6 µg L<sup>-1</sup> acute
  - 2.3  $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup> chronic



#### Degradates







fipronil desulfinyl



fipronil sulfone



# Toxicity

#### • Water

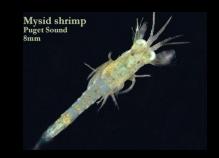
- 410 ng/L Chironomus tentans LC<sub>50</sub>
- 140 ng/L Mysid shrimp LC<sub>50(US EPA 1996)</sub>
- Sediment
  - Chironomus tentans (Maul 2008)

	Fiproni I	fipronil sulfide	fipronil sulfone	
LC50	130	160	120	
EC50 <sub>immob</sub>	100	60	40	



ng/g organic carbon

- Are sediment criteria  $\leq$  in some marine species?



# **Concentrations in CA**

- Urban streams feeding Sac. & San J. (NAWQA 2009)
  - Fipronil at DL est. 5 100 ng/L
  - Fipronil sulfide 5 18 ng/L
  - Fipronil sulfone 6 13 ng/L
- Golden Gate Nat'l Rec Area Urban Streams (Hladik & Orlando 2008)
  - Fipronil ~0.8 ng/L
  - Fipronil sulfone ~1.4 ng/L
- Urban Runoff Sac. & Orange Counties (Oki et al. 2008)
  - Fipronil & degradates detected in Sac.
  - >140 ng/L (Mysid shrimp LC<sub>50</sub>) in OC
- SQO Lower Delta Sediment (Lowe 2009)
  - Fipronil & degradates <20 ng/g dw

- Water tox
- Mysid 140 ng/L
- Copepod 220 ng/L
- Sediment tox
- Midge 100 ng/g org. C

# **Concentrations SF Region**

- Urban streams in Bay Area (all ND to < 20ng/L)
  - Fipronil
  - Fipronil desulfinyl
  - Fipronil sulfide
  - Fipronil sulfone
- Bay Sediments (RMP S&T 2009-2012)
  - Fipronil 0.004- 0.05 ng/g dw
  - Fipronil desulfinyl <0.005 0.16 ng/g dw
  - Fipronil sulfide <0.005 0.09 ng/g dw
  - Fipronil sulfone <0.01 0.56 ng/g dw
    - Bay OC ~1% so max may approach EC<sub>50</sub>

Water tox

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Sediment tox

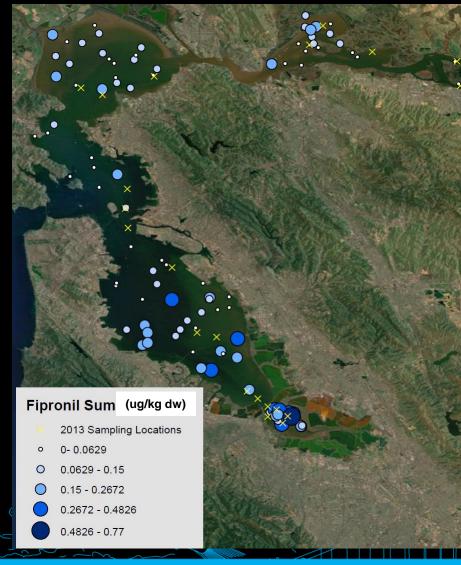
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# **Previously Proposed**

- Fipronil, fipronil sulfide, fipronil sulfone, fipronil desulfinyl
- GC/MS
- Half of S&T sites
  - 20 sediment EBMUD currently added
  - 9 water CDFG ?? Not implemented
    - Now we have sed data, add water sites?



### **RMP Sed Data & Water Sites**



• Highest conc. In SB/LSB

 Pick sites nearest high sediment concentrations?



# Analysis Costs

• Fipronil, fipronil desulfinyl, fipronil sulfide, fipronil sulfone

	Sediment		Water			
	MDL	RL	Cost	MDL	RL	Cost
AXYS				5 - 10 pg/L +		<\$400
EBMUD	~10 ppb dw		\$0 *	_	-	_
CDFG				~0.01 µg/L	~0.02 µg/L	\$376

Included with legacy pesticides analysis

\* Method to be refined/validated

# Budget

Task	Estimated Cost		
Water analysis ( $376/sample \times 9 samples$ )	\$3,384		
Sediment analysis ( $0/sample \times 20 samples$ )	\$0		
Project Management	\$600		
Data Management	\$5,400		
Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,000		
Total	\$10,384		

w/o water samples other costs  $\sim$ 30% lower =  $\sim$ \$5k



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# **Fipronil Choices?**

- Measure water
  - Are water tox thresholds (<140 ng/L) met?
- Continue sediment only?
  - Await sed tox data for more marine species
    - calculate porewater concentrations for tox?
  - Tributary concentrations already < saltwater toxicity thresholds</li>
    - Ambient Bay concentrations likely even lower



## **Other Current Pesticides?**

- 2008-2011 CA DPR urban survey (San Francisco, Sacramento, Orange County)
  - bifenthrin, imidacloprid, fipronil, fipronil sulfone, fipronil desulfinyl, carbaryl, and malathion found most often
     yellow = not monitored RMP
     blue = not in Bay matrices
- Easier to find in tributaries?
  - Pilot first in RMP trib sites if not required in MRP (stormwater) monitoring

## **Current Use Pesticides**

#### Imidacloprid

- logK<sub>ow</sub> 3.7, max ~0.09 ug/L Sac 0.6 ug/L OC Ensminger2013
- 0.9 ug/L  $LC_{50}$
- Malathion
  - logKow 2.9, max 0.19 ug/L SFB tribs Ensminger2013
  - 28 ng/L chronic ca swrcb, 100 ng/L CCC EPA
- Carbaryl
  - logK<sub>ow</sub> 2.4, <10-60 ng/L SFB tribs
  - 1.6ug/L AWQC EPA 2012



# **Other Analytes?**

- Great Lakes PP List / Howard & Muir 2010
  - Top 50 priorities (Top 10 Br, Cl, F, nonhalogen, Si), mostly P&B(T?), HPV chemicals
  - Mostly not pesticides per se (intermediates/ precursors), but some possibly analyzed by methods similar to current
- Discussions with labs on pilot screening level analysis development

- Matrix? - if high K<sub>ow</sub> look in sediments first

#### **Possible Additions**

- Try fipronils in water, or just sed only?
  Trib concentrations only 5-10x DL so far
- Pilot to monitor other current use pesticides in tribs / other matrices?
  - Imidacloprid, Malathion, Carbaryl
- Pilot for some of Top 50 list?

