## Identifying Urban Pesticide Use Trends using PUR



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- 1. Identify urban non-residential pesticide user groups.
- 2. Examine the primary pesticide use trends within each user group.
- 3. Compare use trends among counties.
- Develop methods to identify use report data gaps

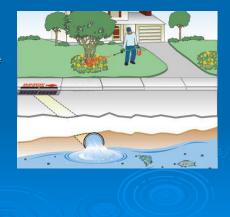
# Methods: PUR Analysis

- Data source: pesticide use report database (PUR)
- > Time frame: 1993-2002
- > PUR-GIS application on ArcView
- Study sites:
  Sacramento, San
  Diego, and Orange
  Counties



## Major groups reporting pesticide use in urban areas

- > Structural pest control
- > Landscape maintenance
- > Rights-of-way
- > Public Health Pest Control
- > Regulatory Pest Control

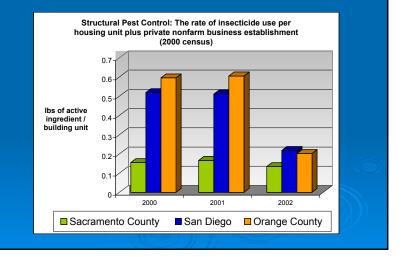


#### **Structural Pest Control**

- > Definition
- > Data quality
- > Accounting for the greatest percentage of pesticide use.
  - Over 90% of the total insecticide use, including fumigants
  - In 2002, accounted for 98% of the total urban insecticide use in Orange County.

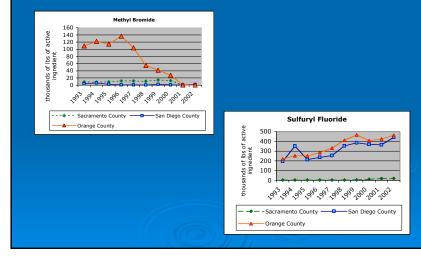


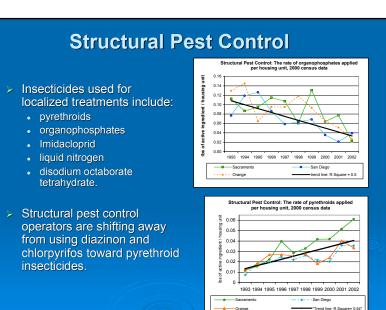
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### Structural Pest Control: trends in fumigant use

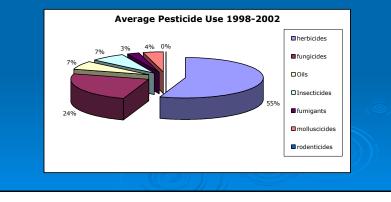






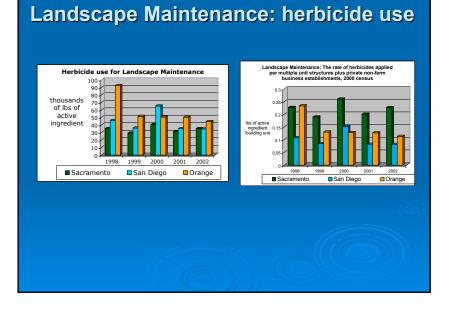
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- > Definition
- > PUR data only represents a fraction of the overall use.

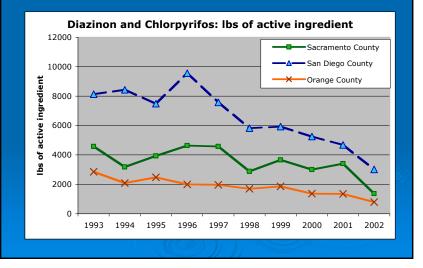


#### Landscape Maintenance: Pesticide use in 2002

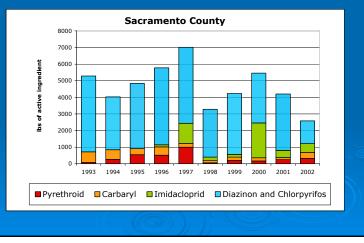
	Sacramento		San Diego		Orange	
herbicides	35166	74%	34810	34%	44677	52%
fungicides	6836	14%	39024	39%	29609	35%
Oils	3344	7%	6994	7%	3073	4%
Insecticides	2280	5%	16777	17%	3041	4%
fumigants	22	0.05%	1468	1%	3006	4%
molluscicides	49	0.1%	2056	2%	1964	2%
rodenticides	2	0.005%	67	0.1%	107	0.1%
TOTAL	47699		101195		85476	



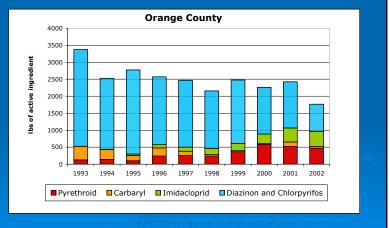
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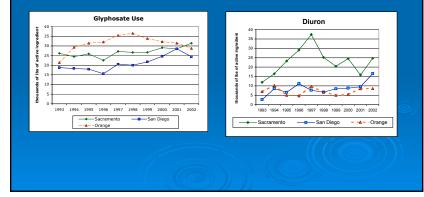
#### **Rights-of-way**



- Pesticides are applied to control pests near and around impervious surfaces.
  - Federal, state, county, and township highways and roads
  - Electric utilities including substations, switching stations, transmission lines, and distribution lines
  - Pipelines (including pumping stations)
  - Public surface drainageways
  - Railroads
  - Public irrigation waterways
  - Banks of public bargeways and areas around locks and dams
  - Parking lots
  - Cell phone towers
  - Bike trails and other public paths outside of recreational areas
  - Flood control sites

# **Rights-of-way: herbicide use**

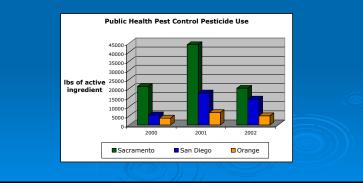
2002						
	Sacramento	San Diego	Orange			
Glyphosate	43%	34%	82%			
Diuron	34%	34%	8%			



#### Public Health Pest Control

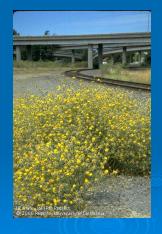


- > Definition
- > Accounts for less than 1% of total insecticide use
- > Most insecticides are used for mosquito abatement
- Some herbicide use



## **Regulatory Pest Control**

- > Definition
- Control against invasive species
- Includes urban and rural
- Less than 1% of the total insecticides used
- Most herbicide use consists of glyphosate and 2,4-D



## Identifying use report data gaps

#### > Survey :

- groups that do not report use
  - landscape businesses
  - Maintenance or operations staff
  - Kennels and pet groomers
  - Teachers and school janitors
- UC Cooperative Extension
- Landscape maintenance professionals
- Structural pest control operators
- Caltrans
- other

# Next steps...



- Survey urban pesticide users to find out:
  - Pesticide use practices
  - •Disposal practices
  - •Where they get information about how to manage pests
  - How to disseminate information about IPM and water quality protection.