

Water Quality Report Card

Regional Water Board:	Central Valley, Region 5
Beneficial Uses Affected:	Warm and Cold Freshwater Habitat
Implemented Through:	Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP)
Effective Date:	N/A
Attainment Date:	2007-2027

Pesticides (Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos) in Tributaries of the San Joaquin River

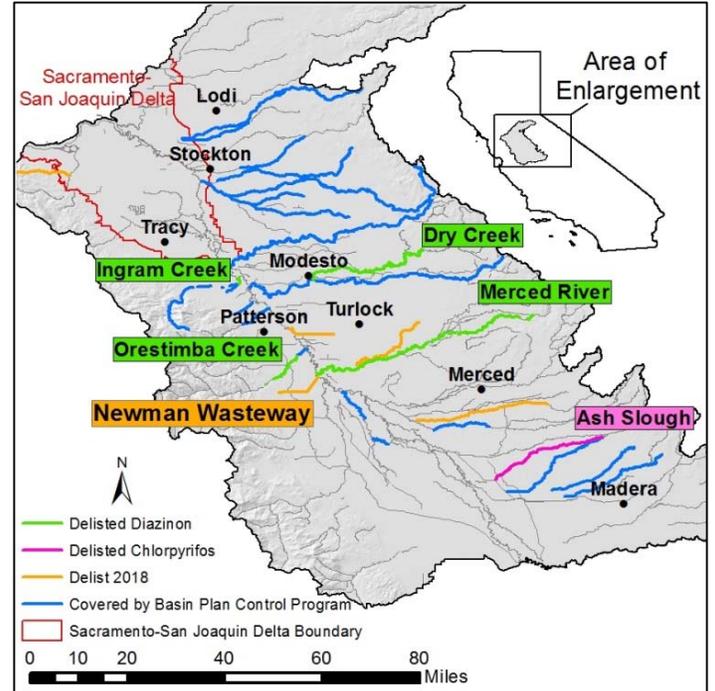
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Inconclusive
	<input type="checkbox"/> Improvement Needed
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Targets Achieved/Water Body Delisted
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Pollutant Source:	Irrigated Crop Production

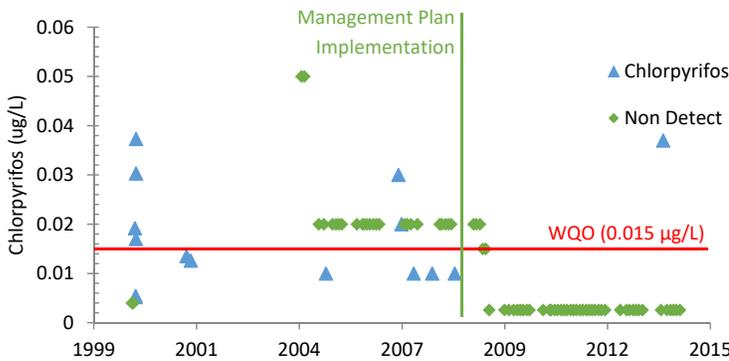
Water Quality Improvement Strategy

Diazinon and chlorpyrifos are organophosphate insecticides that are widely used by growers in the San Joaquin River (SJR) Basin. In the early 1990s, these pesticides were detected in many SJR Basin waterbodies at levels toxic to aquatic life. Subsequently 26 waterbodies in the SJR Basin were listed on the 2012 U.S. EPA Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List as impaired by these pesticides. The main source of these pesticides is discharges from irrigated agriculture, as almost all non-agricultural uses, such as residential uses, were cancelled over 10 years ago. These pesticides have been a focus of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP), as well as multiple TMDLs, including TMDLs for the [SJR](#) and the [Delta](#). The ILRP and TMDLs require growers to implement management practices to meet water quality objectives (WQOs). Five of these waterbodies were proposed for delisting in the [2014 Integrated Report](#). The other 21 are proposed to be classified as being addressed by the ILRP and requirements of a 2014 [Basin Plan Amendment](#) that established numeric WQOs which must be met by 2027. At least eight more of these will be proposed for delisting in the 2018 Integrated Report.

Tributaries of the San Joaquin River



Chlorpyrifos in Newman Wasteway



Water Quality Outcomes

- Chlorpyrifos and diazinon water quality objectives (WQOs) are almost consistently achieved since implementation of management practices. The number of exceedances has decreased over time in all of these waterbodies.
- Five waterbodies are proposed for delisting in the 2014 Integrated Report due to attainment of diazinon and chlorpyrifos WQOs.
- In the 2018 Integrated Report cycle, at least eight additional delistings will be proposed due to attainment of the diazinon and chlorpyrifos WQOs.

Percent of Samples that Exceed WQOs for Chlorpyrifos and Diazinon within Tributaries of the SJR

