



Landscape Issues During Drought

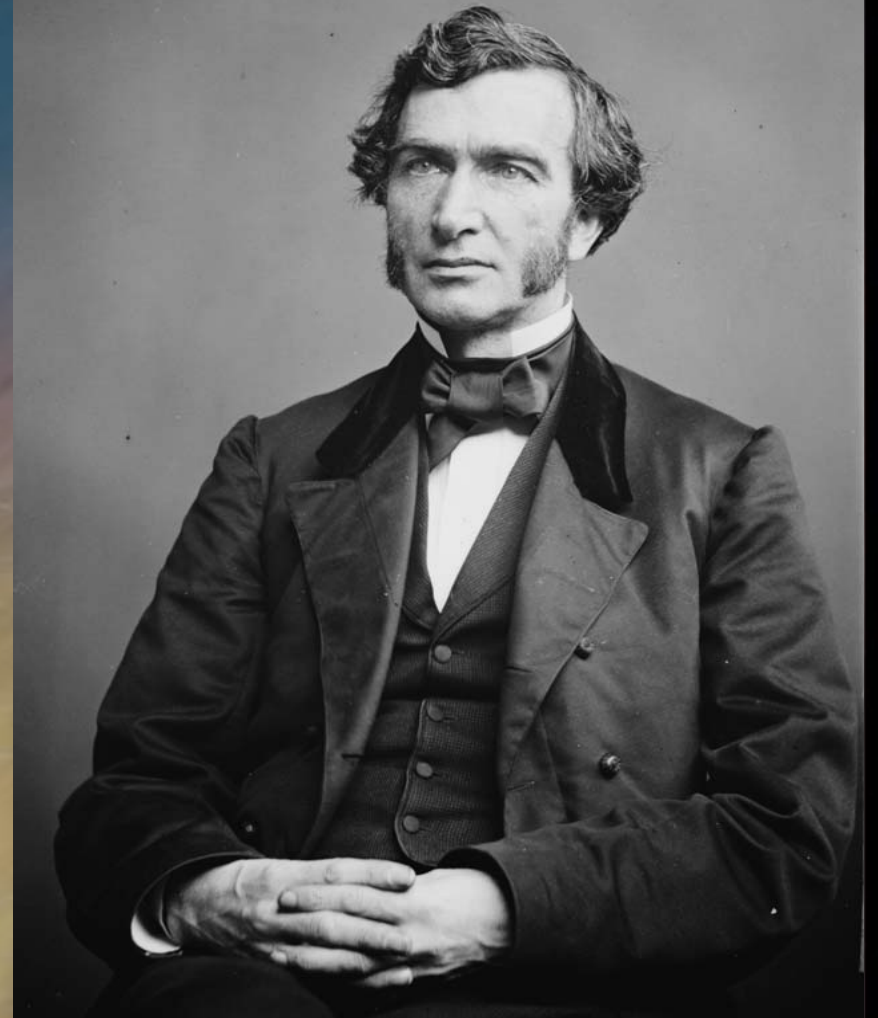
A Workshop for the Green
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The Morrill Act of 1862

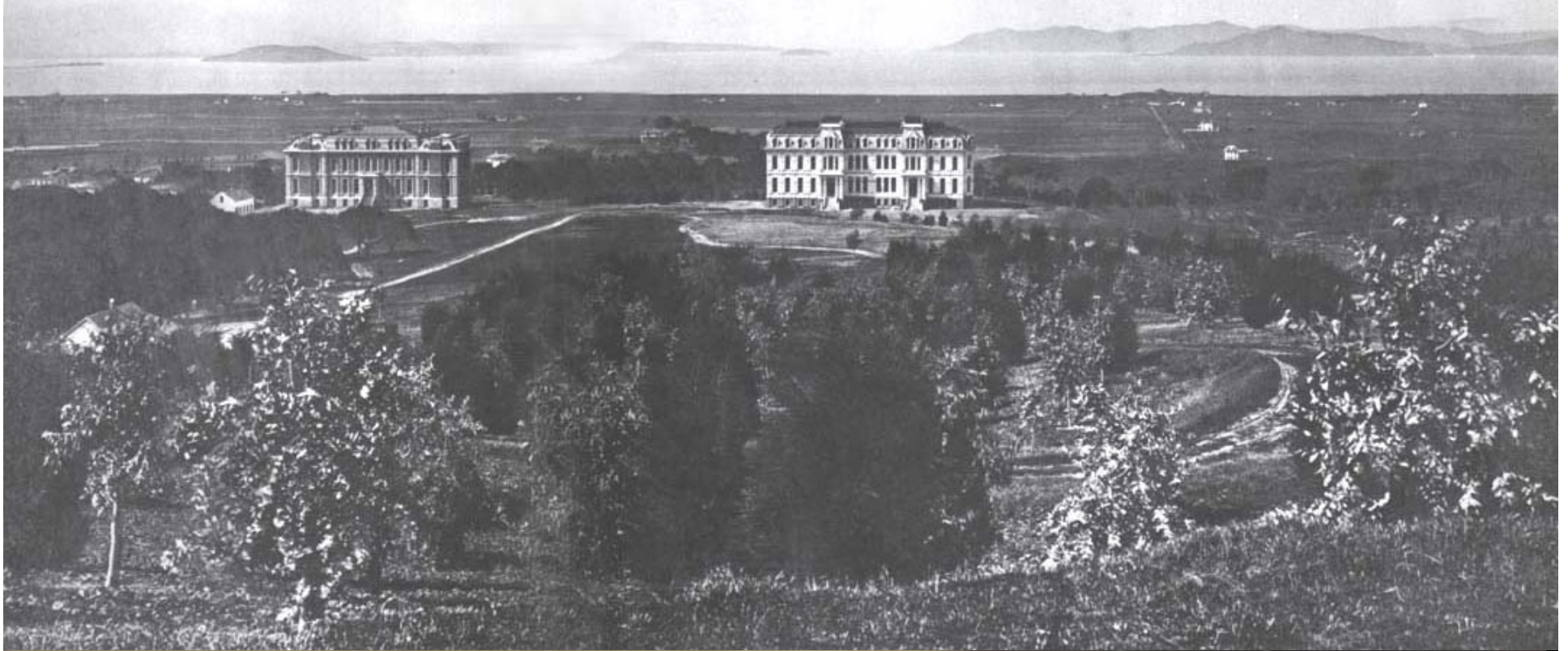
The Morrill Act , as passed by Congress and signed by President Lincoln on July 2, 1862, was intended for:

“ . . . the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college [in each state] where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislatures of the states may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life.”

Justin Morrill as photographed by Matthew Brady ca. 1865



“I would have learning more widely disseminated”



California founded its Land Grant
University in the city of Berkeley in 1868

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914

In May 1914 the Smith-Lever Act established the system of cooperative extension services “in order to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage the application of the same.”

It was mandated that the cooperative extension services be located with the college in each state receiving benefits of the Morrill Act, and that “agricultural extension work shall be carried on in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture.”



Senator Hoke Smith
(Georgia), ca. 1912





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On May 8, 2014 join the University of California in a one-day science project and tell us what you see and do. Your answers will help build a healthier future for you and your community.



Pollinators

Food depends on pollinators. For three minutes count how many you see.



Water

In this record drought, UC has committed to reducing its water consumption by 20%. How are you conserving?



Food

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Drought effects
on tree biology and management

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Drought & trees:
ubiquitous & potentially damaging condition

Water and plants

review of the basics

How trees die from drought

& how to prevent it

The soil and roots show

how to keep it going...

Discussion



Drought:
no magic solutions



Drought points:

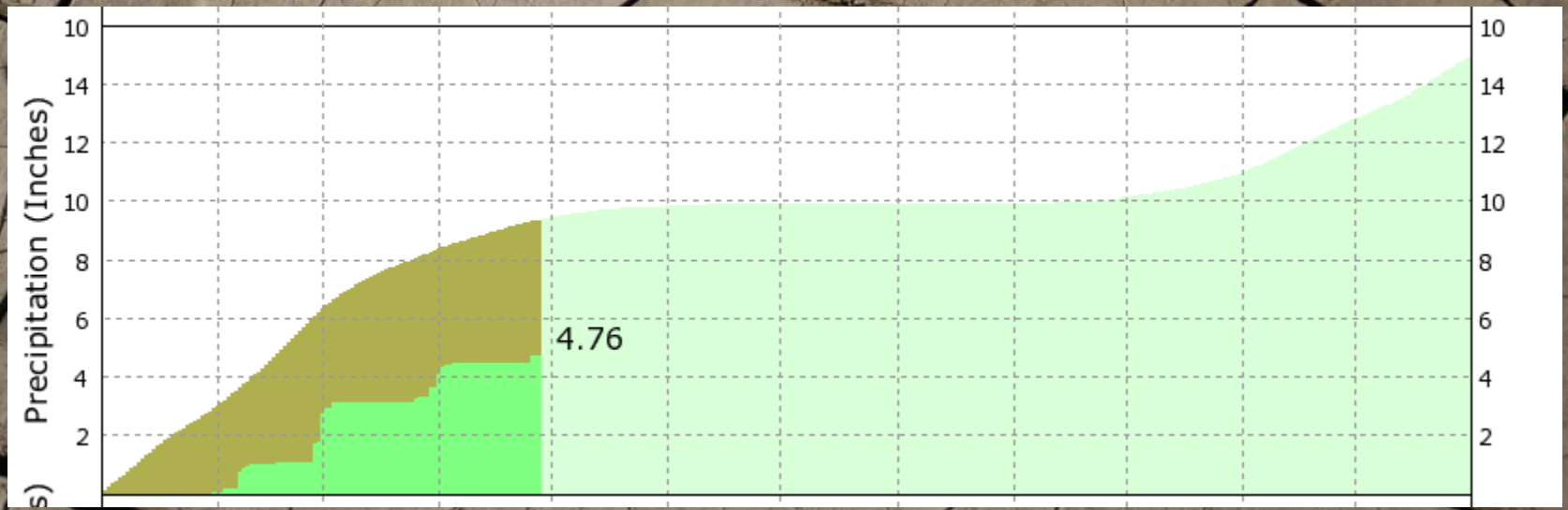
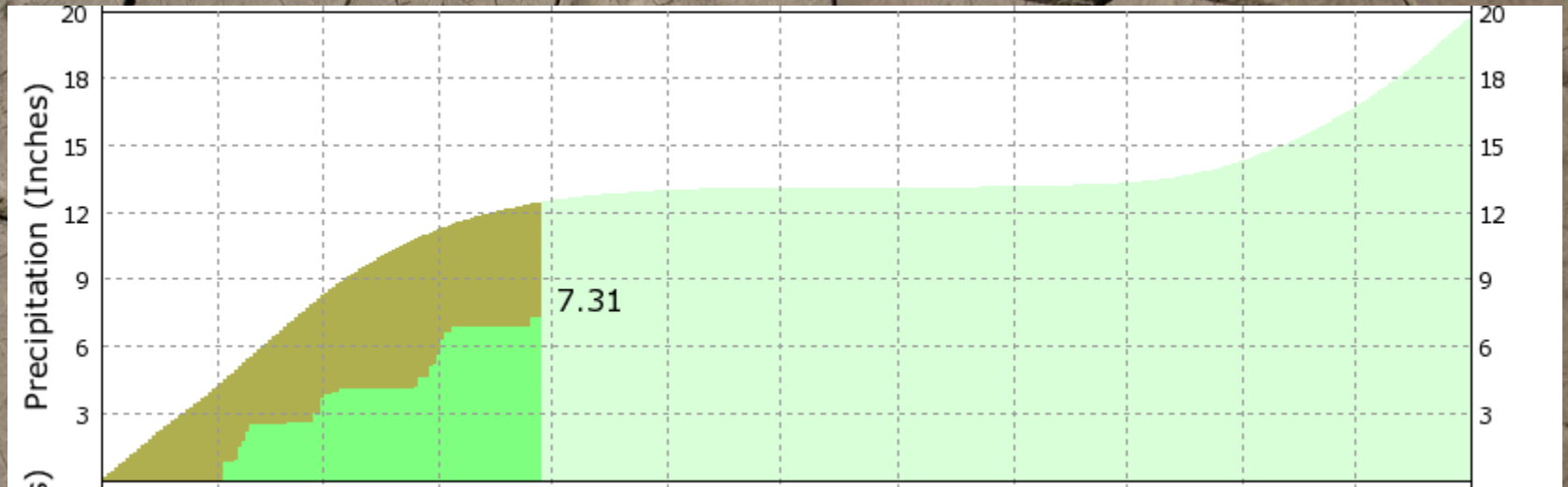
1) understand what is happening inside trees

→ Do not make things worse

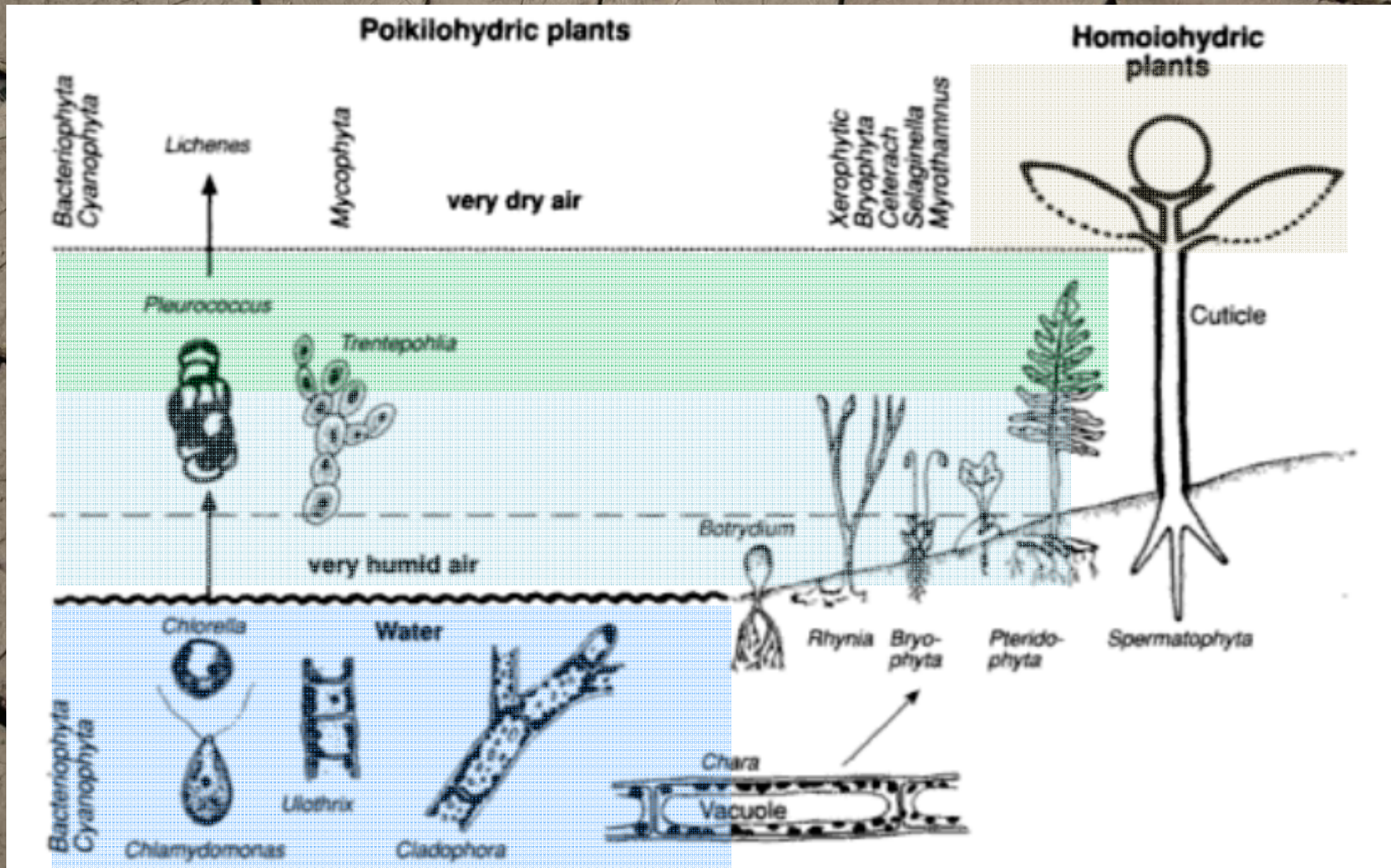
2) Understand your water demand, availability, soils

→ Then adapt landscapes to drought

Drought... (www.weather.gov)



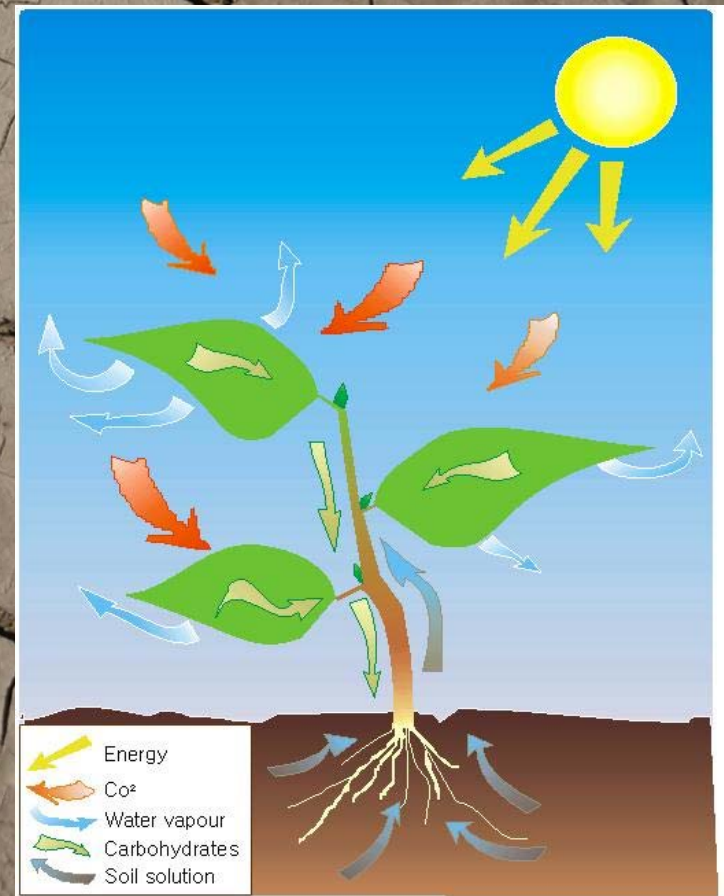
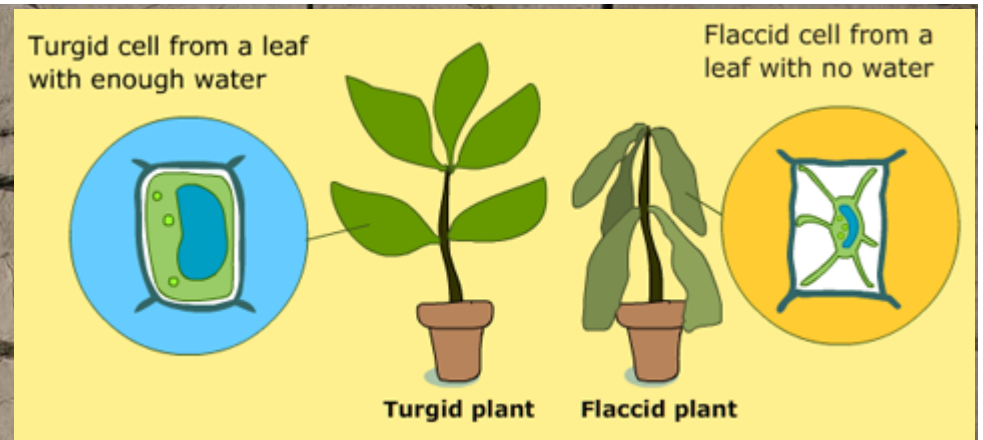
Some plants cannot die from drought

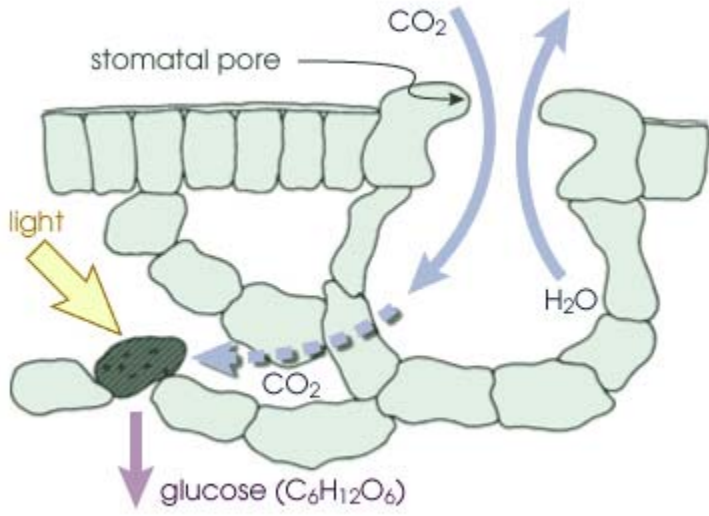
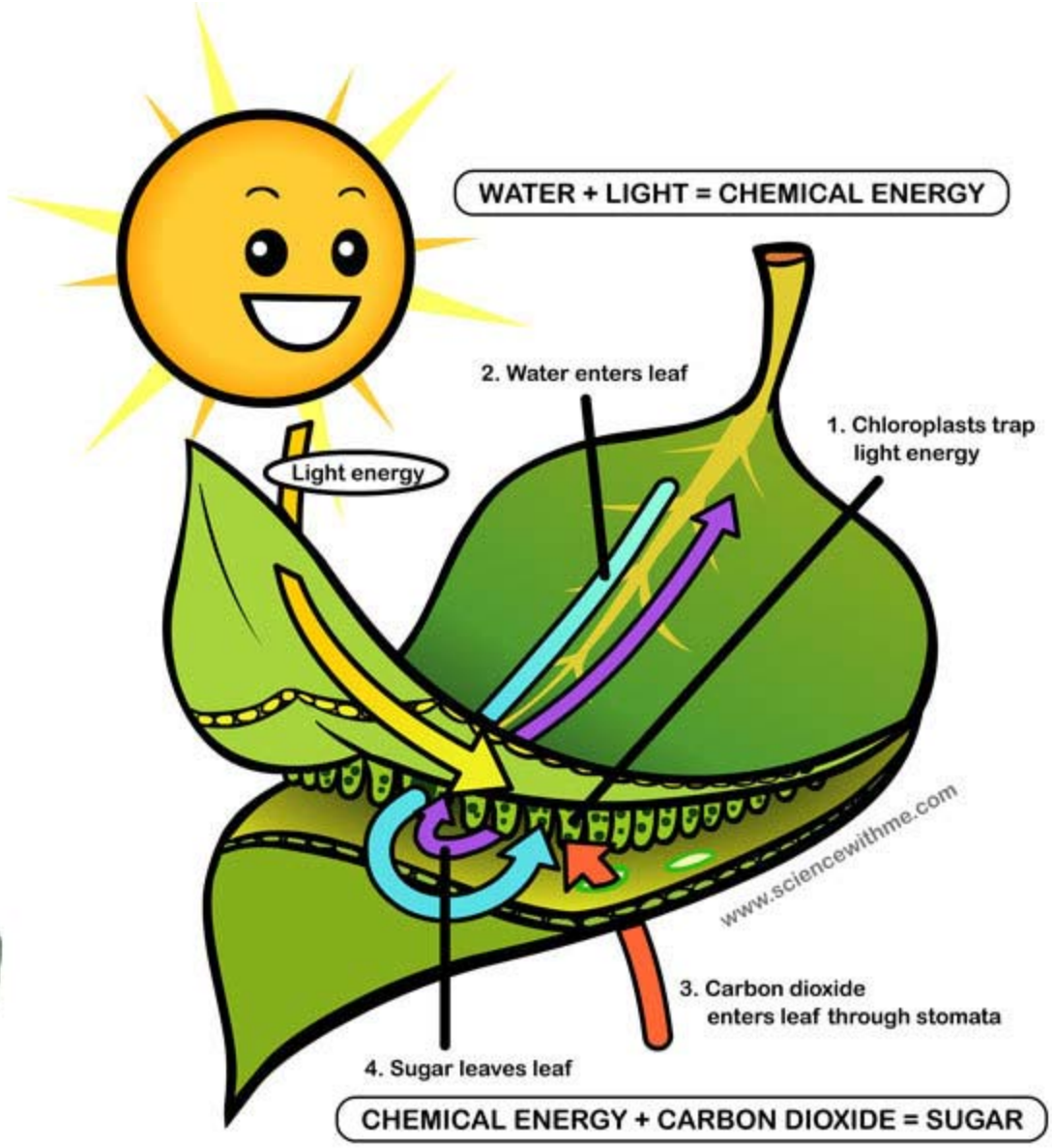


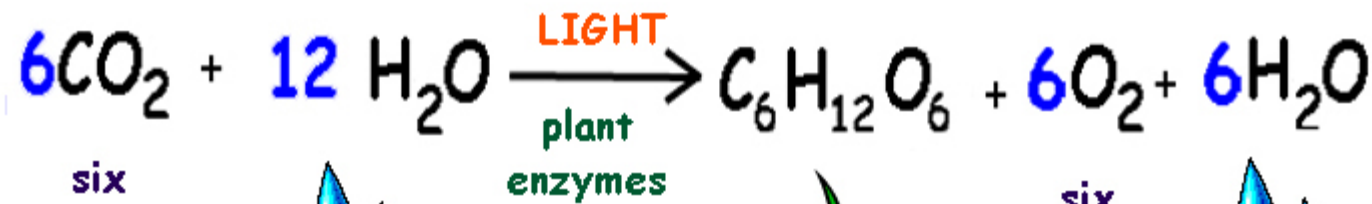
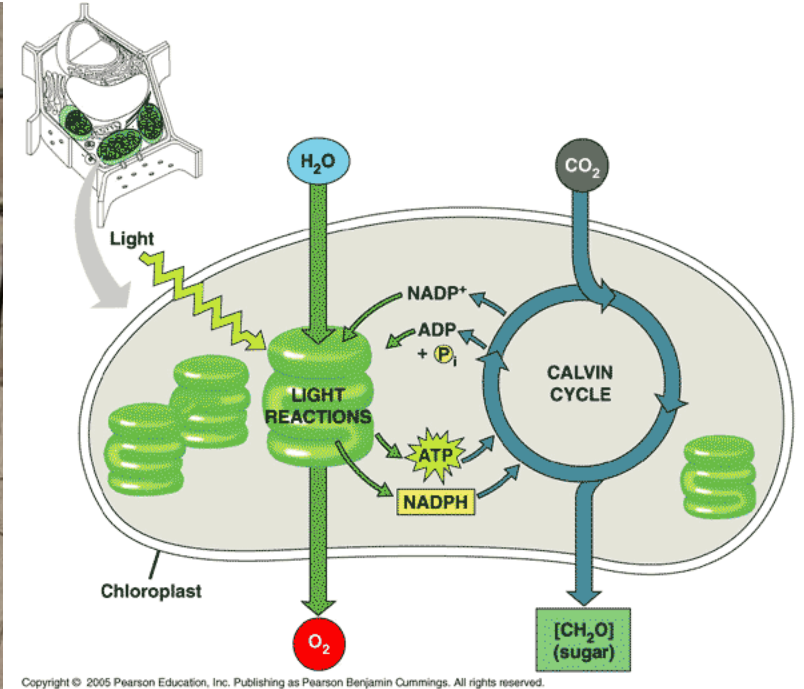
Plants need water...
but why?

Some uses of water:

- 1) Turgor
- 2) Transport of solutes
- 3) Photosynthesis







six molecules of carbon dioxide

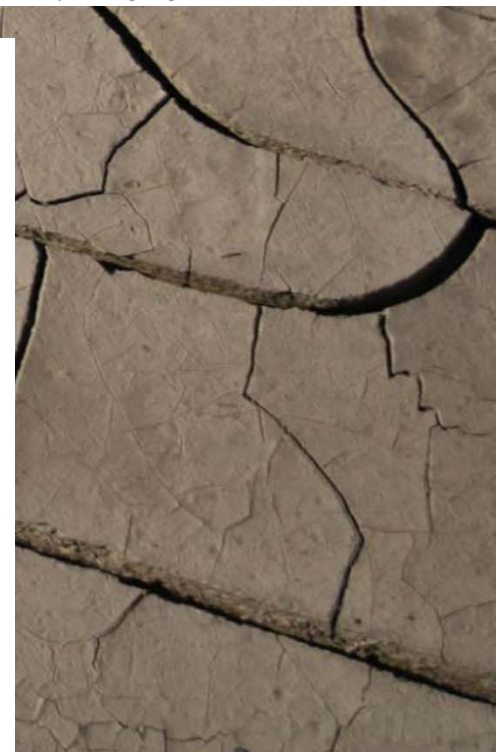
twelve molecules of water



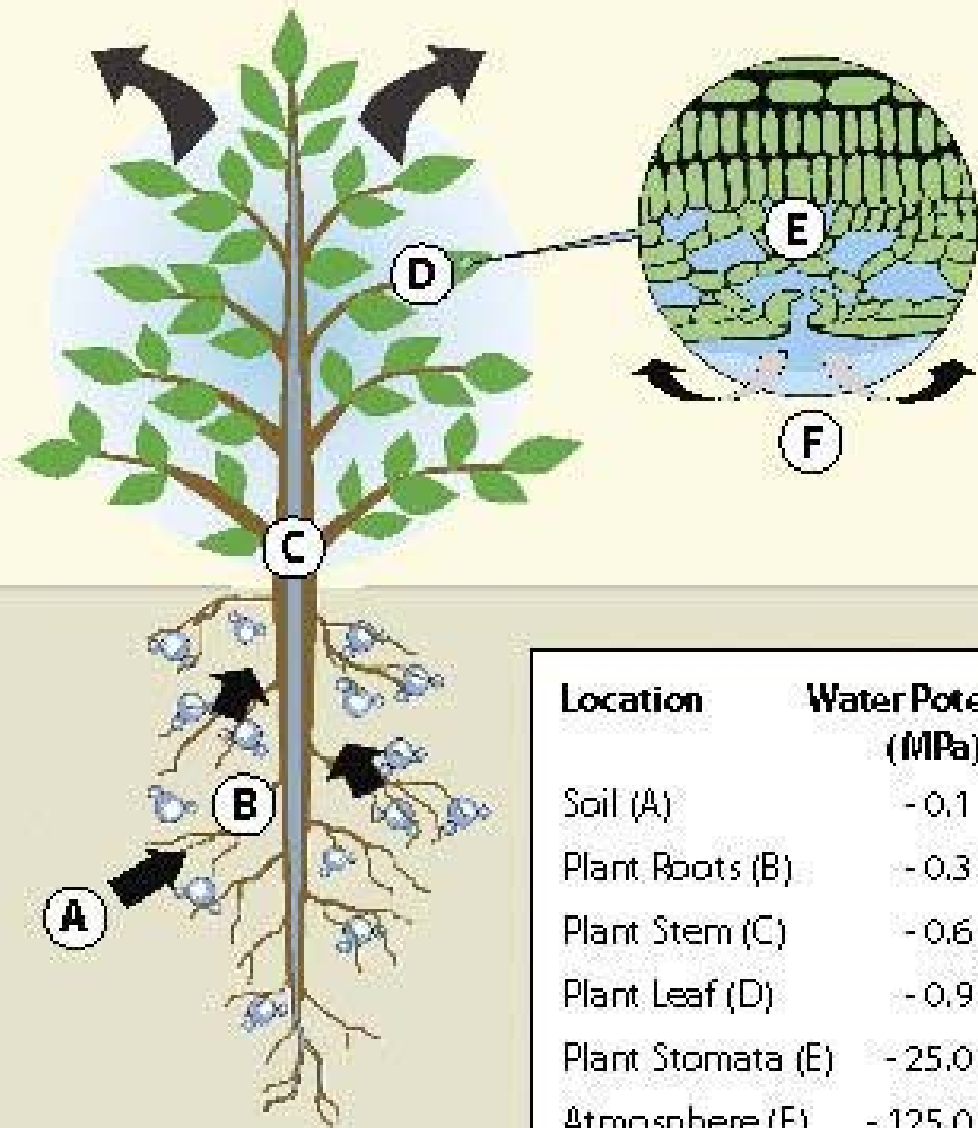
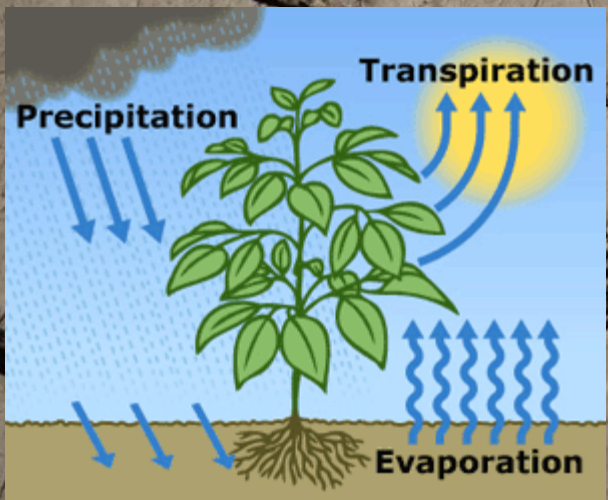
one molecule of glucose (plant biomass)

six molecules of oxygen

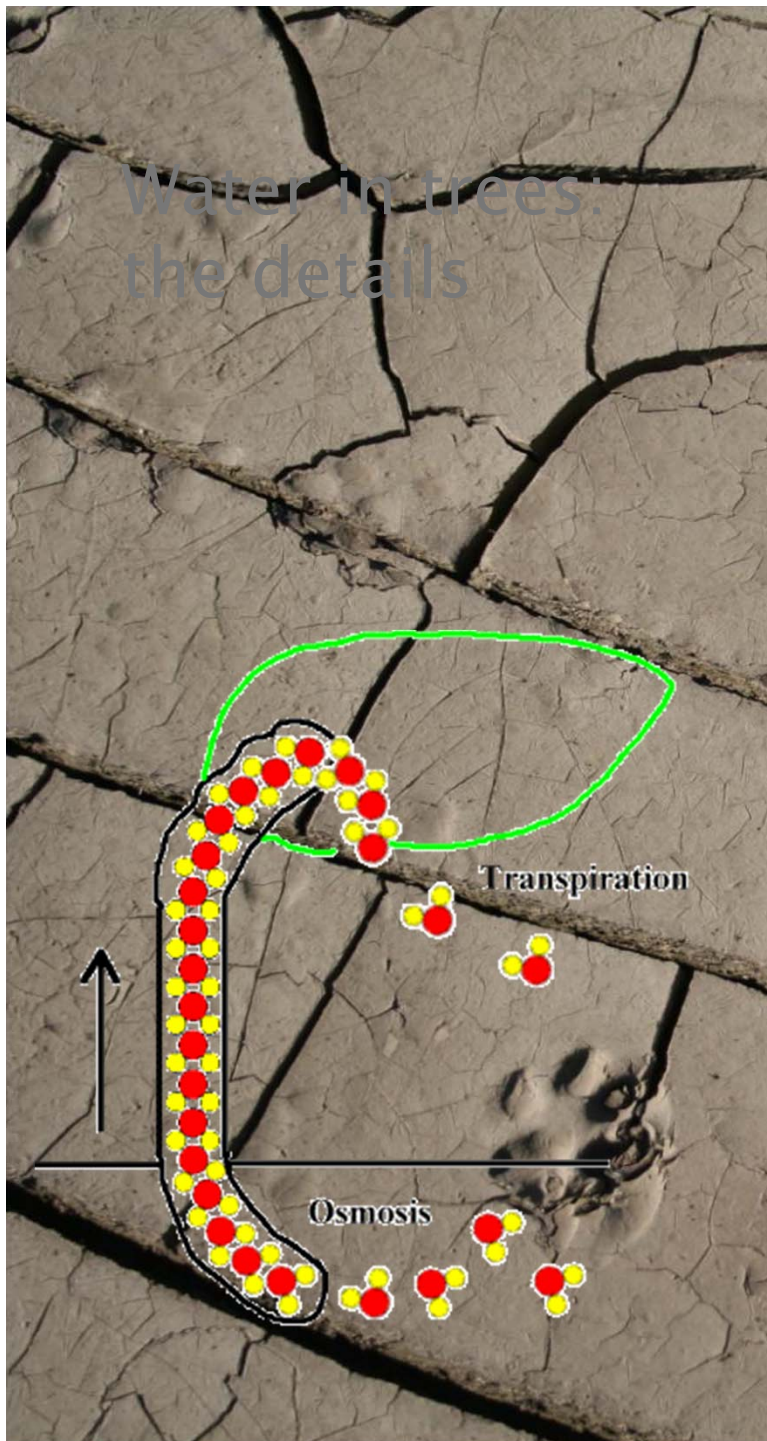
six molecules of water



Water in trees
pulled through
by evaporation



Water in trees:
the details



Low water potential
Atmosphere ψ : -95.2 MPa
(Changes with humidity;
usually very low)

Leaf ψ : -0.8 MPa
(Depends on transpiration rate;
low when stomata are open)

Root ψ : -0.6 MPa
(Medium-high)

Soil ψ : -0.3 MPa
(High if moist;
low if extremely dry)

High water potential

Figure 36-3 Biological Science, 2/e
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How much water do we evaporate? CIMIS knows!

http://cimis.water.ca.gov

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General
Events
System News
FAQs
CIMIS Staff

Upcoming Events
New Feature - Email Scheduler
Non-ideal site study update
Software and Hardware Improvements

Current System News
Station #21 Kettleman has been shut down until the phone line is repaired.

Welcome

CIMIS Overview

The California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) is a program in the Office of Water Use Efficiency (OWUE), California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that manages a network of over 120 automated weather stations in the state of California. CIMIS was developed in 1982 by the California Department of Water Resource and the University of California at Davis to assist California's irrigators manage their water resources efficiently. Efficient use of water resources benefits Californians by saving water, energy, and money. [\(more...\)](#)

CIMIS Data Uses

Since the beginning of the CIMIS weather station network in 1982, the primary purpose of CIMIS was to make available to the public, free of charge, information useful in estimating crop water use for [irrigation scheduling](#). Although irrigation scheduling continues to be the main use of CIMIS, the uses have been constantly expanding over the years. At present, there are approximately 6,000 registered CIMIS users from diverse backgrounds accessing the CIMIS computer directly. It is estimated requests for CIMIS information on the WWW

Irrigate like a Pro

CIMIS System Status:
The normal Maintenance window is:
Wednesday 06:00 - 08:00 PM

REGISTER
[for weather data access](#)



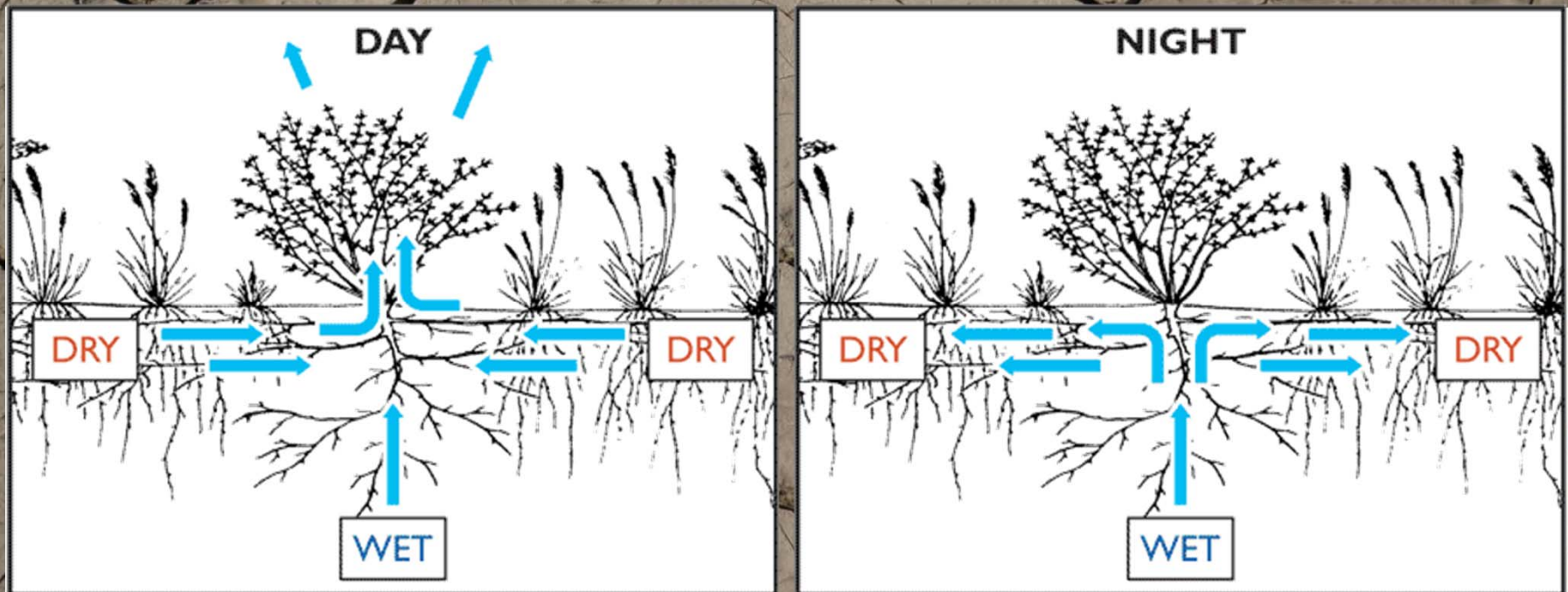
Example: how much water could have been used last week (“reference evapo-transpiration”)

Gilroy - San Francisco Bay - Station 211

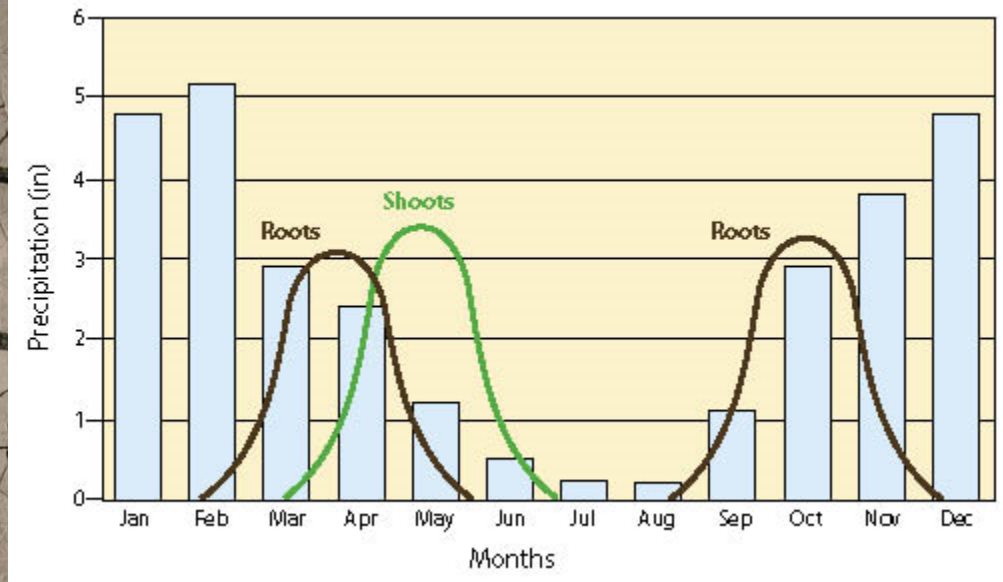
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04/01/2014	0.07	0.74	274	9.3	58.3	41.8	47.4	96	58	84	42.7	4.6	109.9	56.0
04/02/2014	0.15	0.01	529	9.3	63.7	40.2	50.7	99	50	73	42.6	4.2	102.5	56.4
04/03/2014	0.16	0.00	532	8.9	64.4	37.6	51.3	97	44	69	41.6	3.9	93.7	56.7
04/04/2014	0.05	0.24	227	10.5	58.7	43.0	49.8	95	69	86	45.8	3.4	81.9	56.9
04/05/2014	0.19	0.00	546	10.4	68.6	45.5	55.4	95	39	69	45.6	6.9	167.2	57.3
04/06/2014	0.18	0.00	567	11.4	78.5	41.0	59.4	96	38	66	48.0	3.8	90.7	57.9
Tots/Avgs	0.80	0.99	446	10.0	65.4	41.5	52.3	96	50	75	44.4	4.5	107.6	56.9



Hydraulic lift: an opportunity to evaluate the soil water "situation"



Water in trees: What happens during drought?



Prof Coder says
that during drought trees:

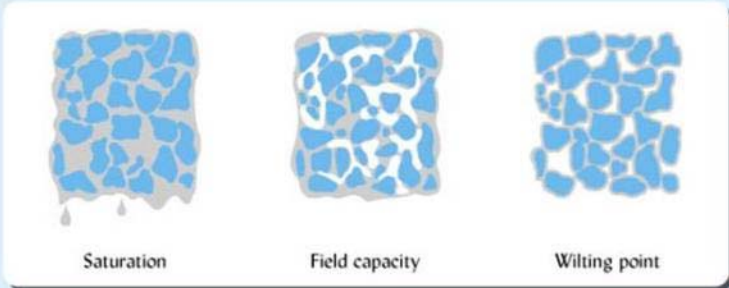
1. recognize ("sense") soil / root water availability problems.
2. chemically alter (osmotic) cell contents.
3. close stomates for longer periods.
4. increase absorbing root production.
5. Use up food storage reserves.
6. close-off or close-down root activities (suberize roots)
7. initiate foliage, branch and/or root senescence.
8. set-up abscission and compartment lines.
9. seal off (allow to die) and shed tissues / organs unable to maintain health.

Water stress reduces growth (above and below ground)

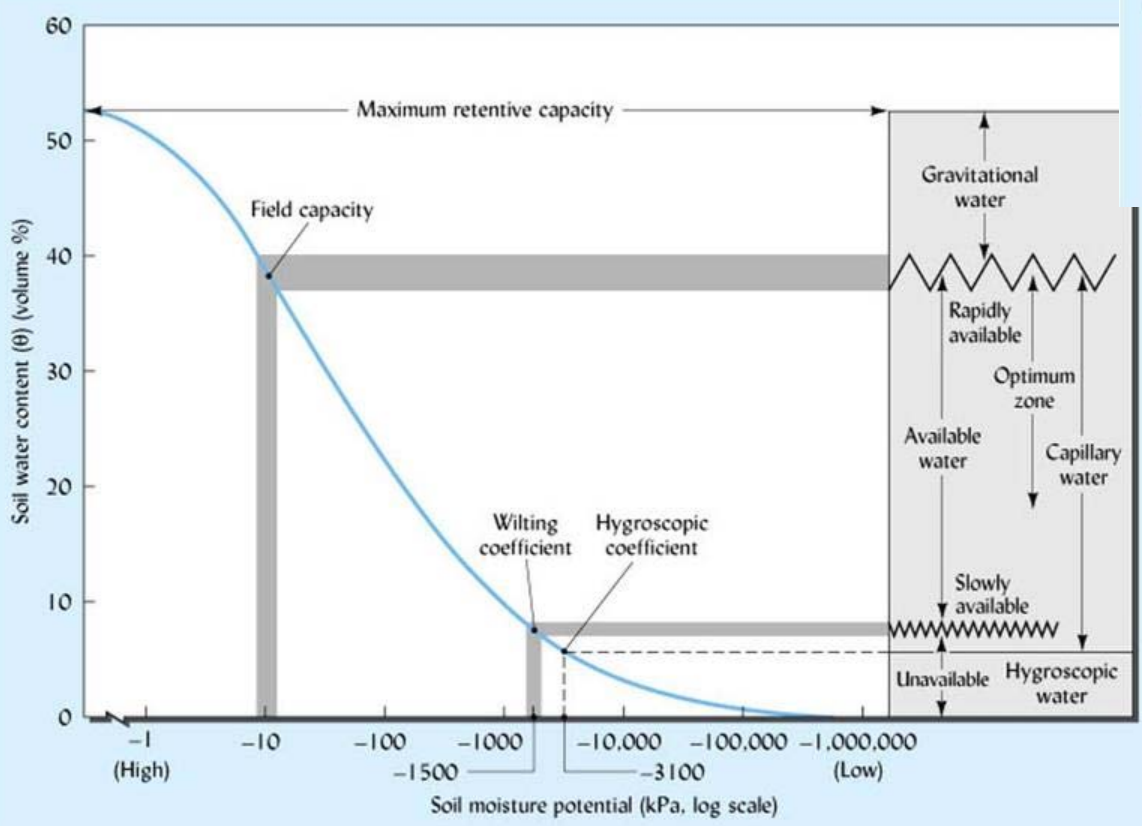




The soil-water-roots system



Saturated soil	100 g	40 mL	
Field capacity	100 g	20 mL	Air
Wilting coefficient	100 g	10 mL	Air
Hygroscopic coefficient	100 g	8 mL	Air
	Solid		Pore space

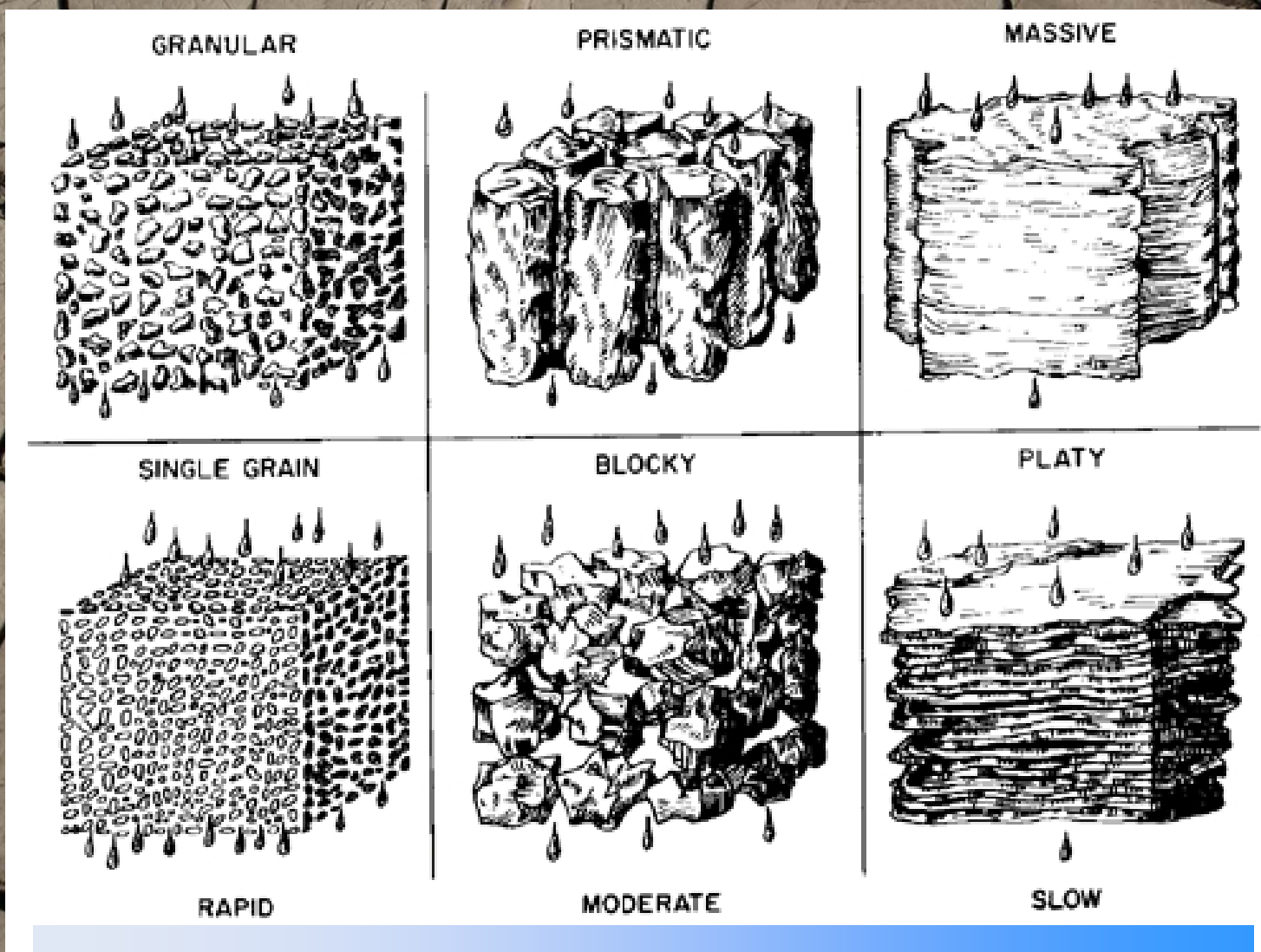


A close-up photograph of a dry, cracked soil surface. The soil is light brown and has formed a network of irregular, polygonal cracks. Two distinct, circular, slightly raised areas are visible, possibly representing soil mounds or the remains of small organisms. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows that emphasize the texture of the soil.

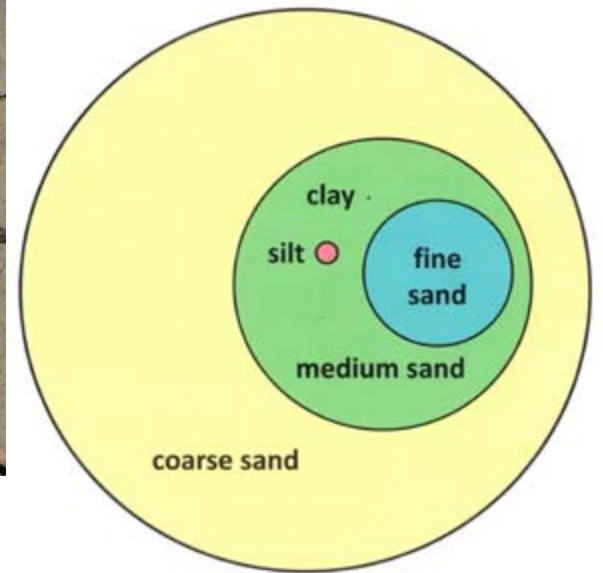
Water movement in soil

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmo0FRAVgkM>

Water movement in soil 1:
soil structure (*yes we can!*)

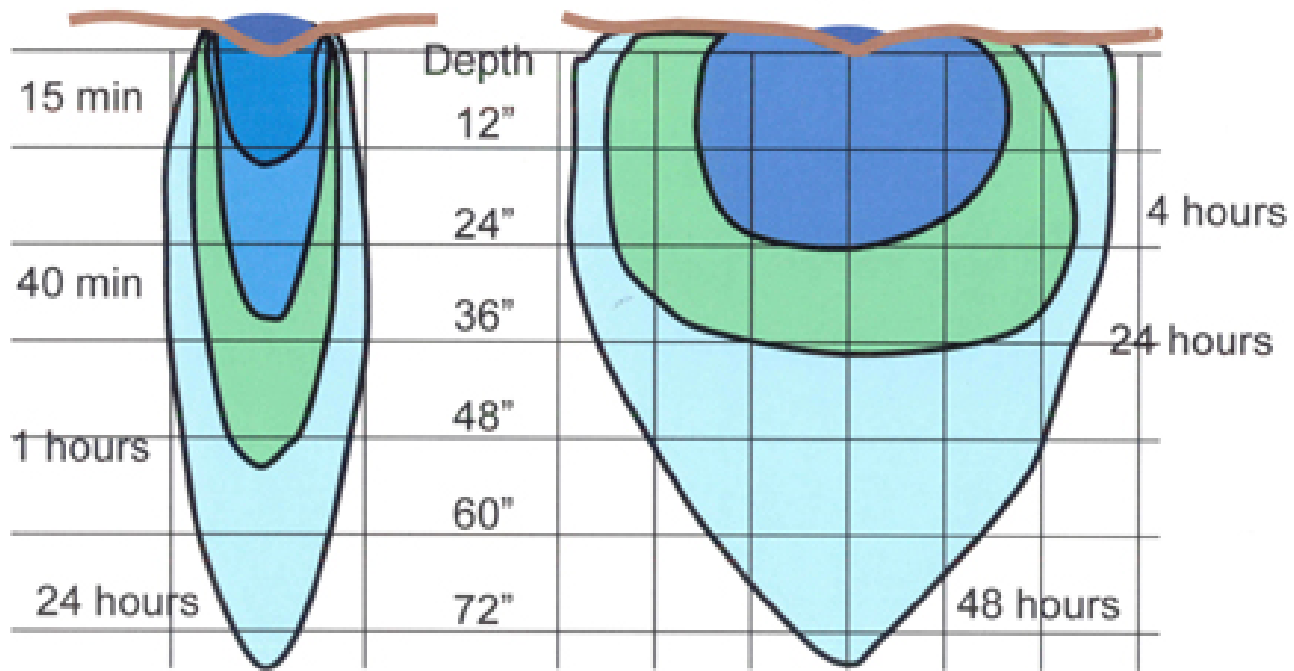


Water movement in soil 2: soil texture

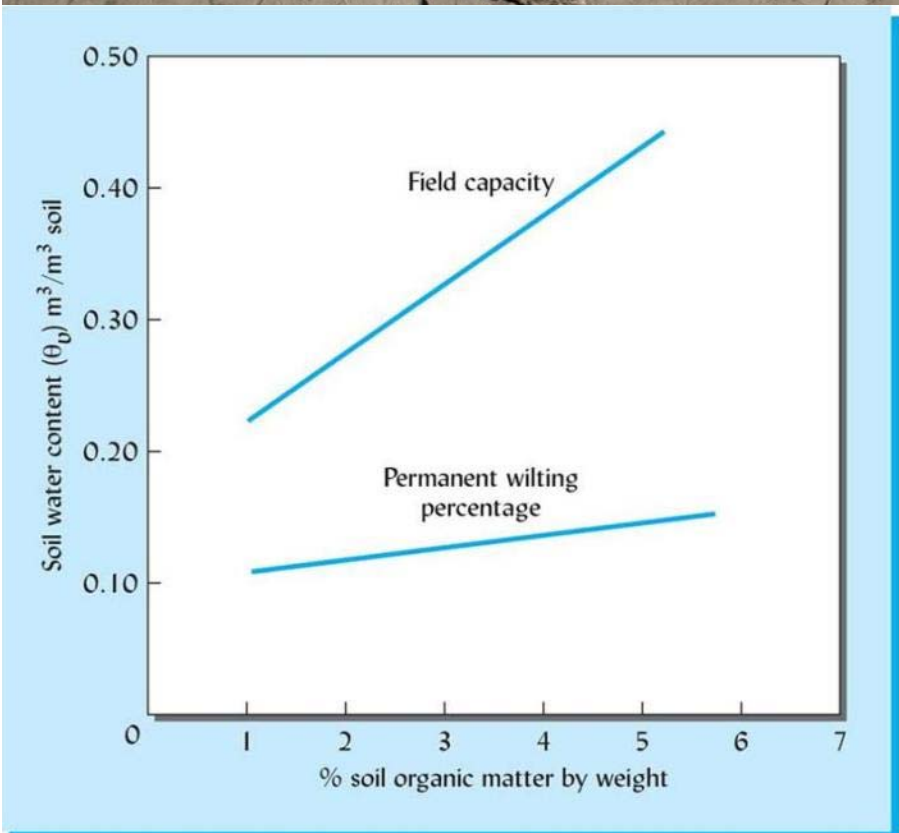
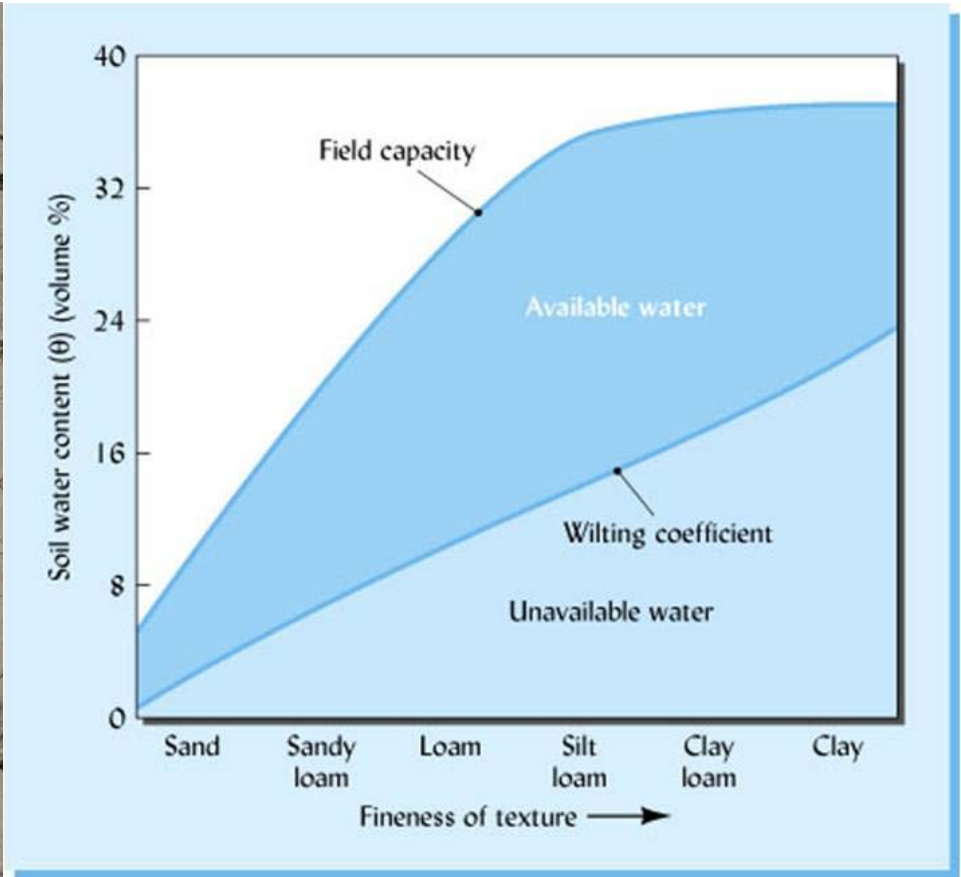


Large Pore Space
Gravitational Pull
Sandy Soil

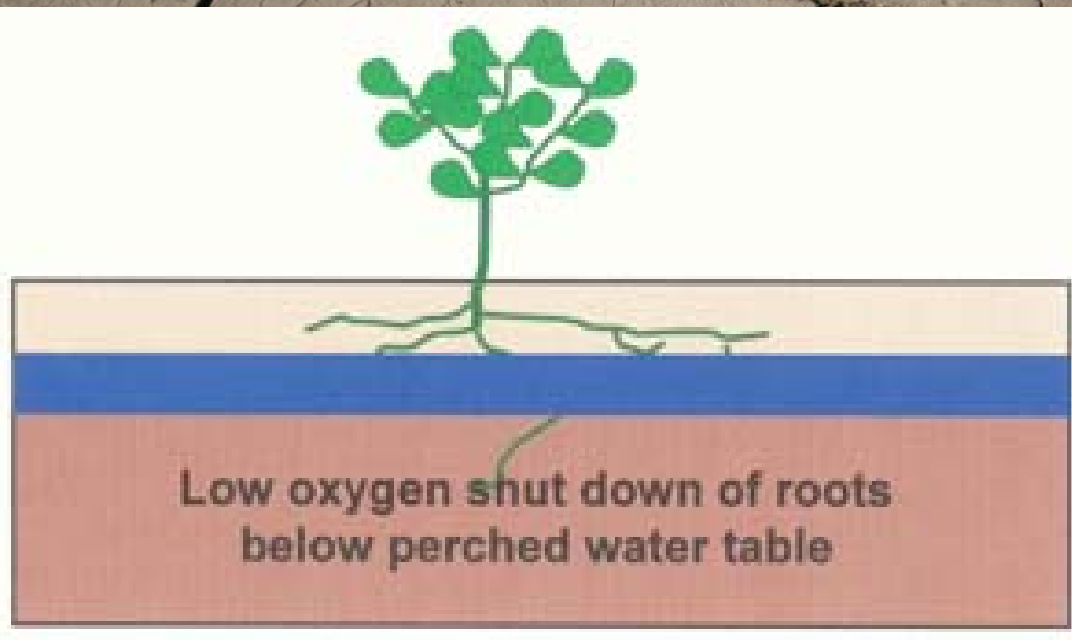
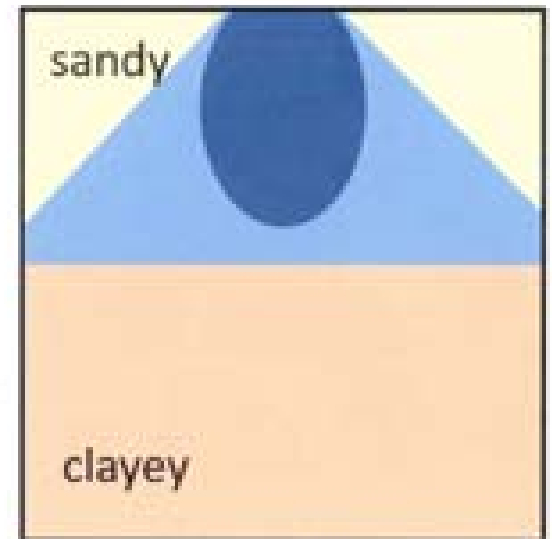
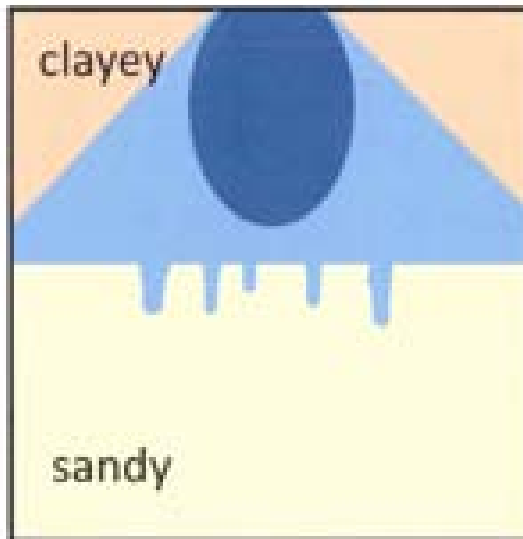
Small Pore Space
Capillary Action
Clayey Soil



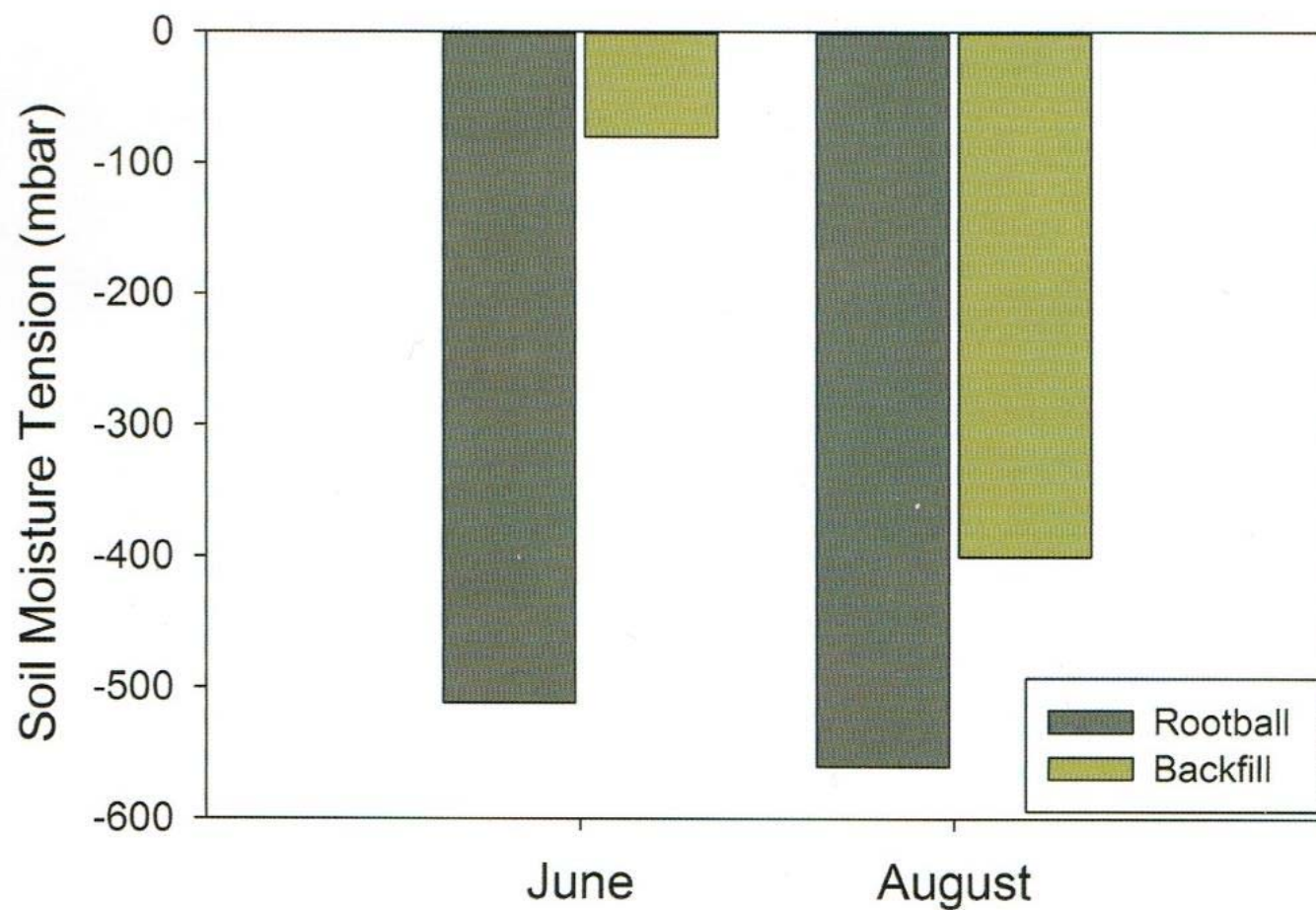
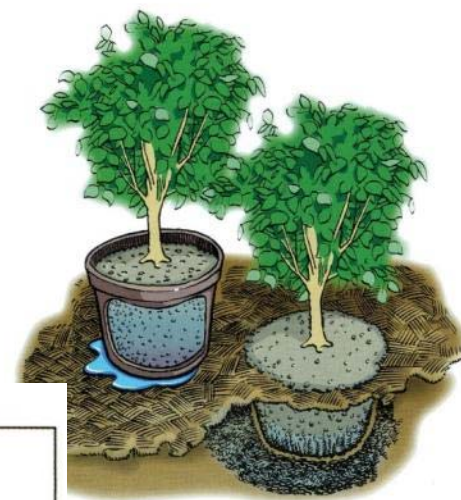
Water-holding capacity varies with soil texture and organic matter



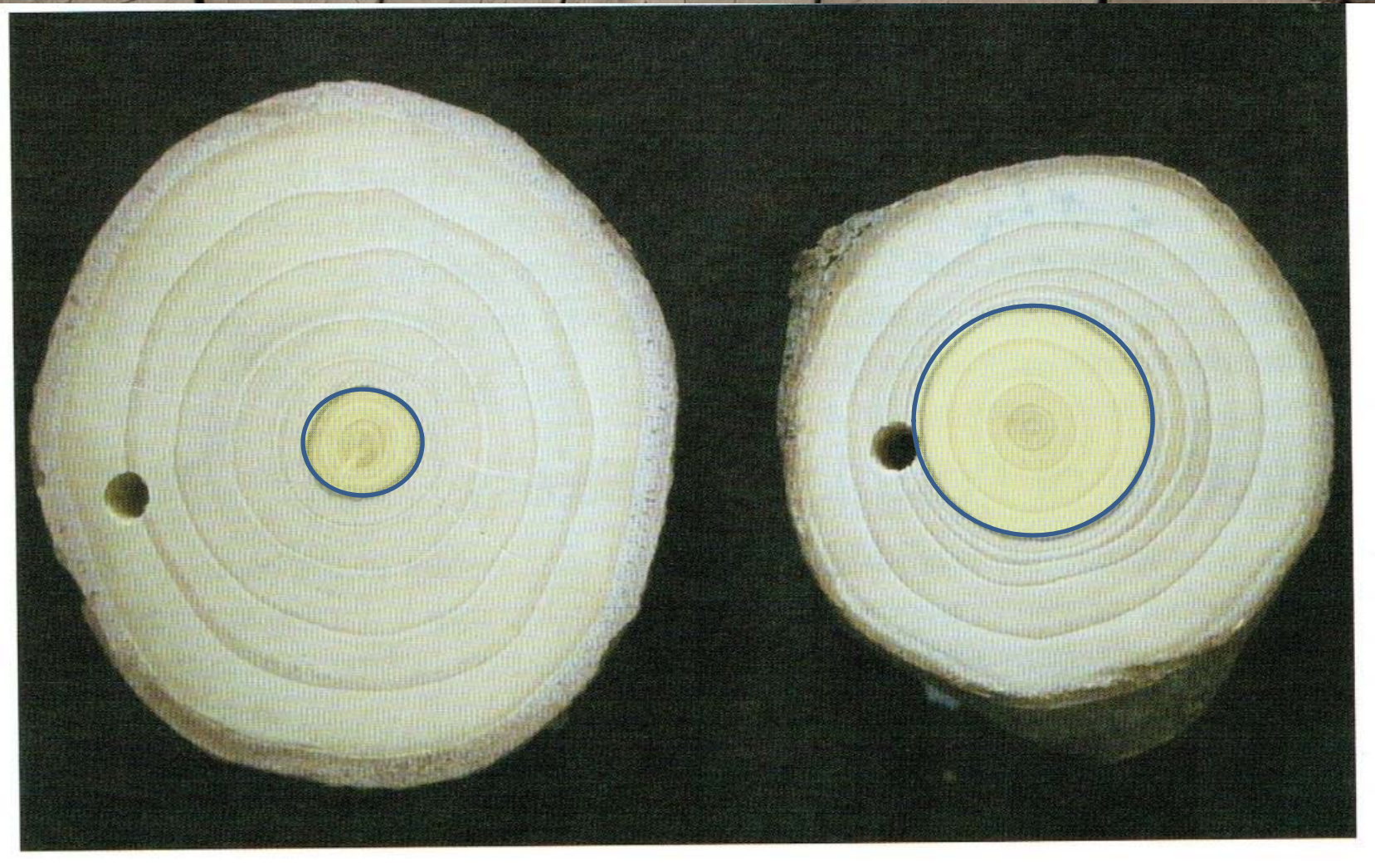
Water movement 3:
Watch out
for changes
in soil texture!



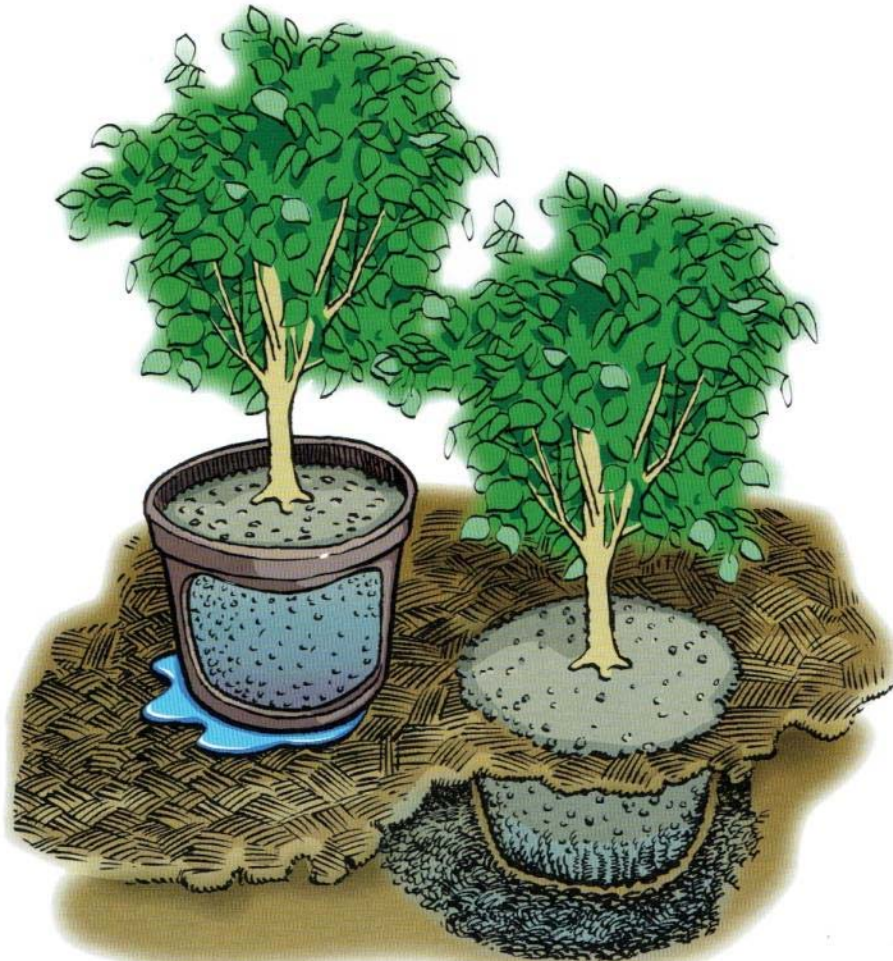
New trees only get water from the root ball soil



Suggestion: Plant a smaller tree during drought

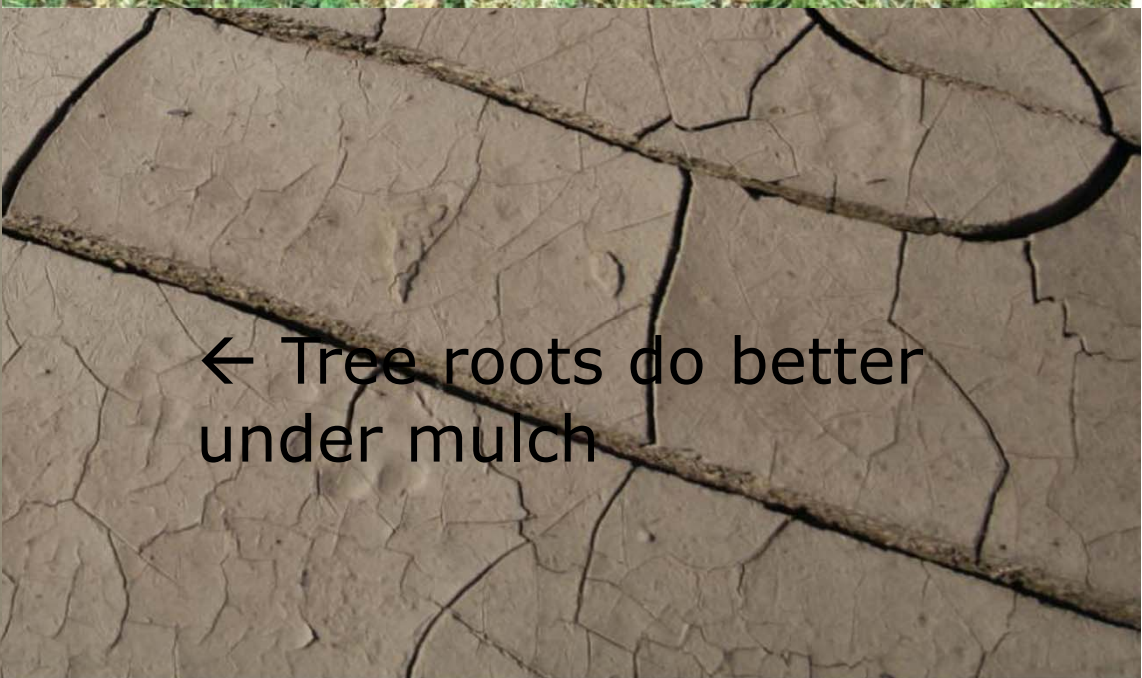


Soil texture difference – watch out!





Mulch!



← Tree roots do better under mulch

Mulch pitfalls: volcanoes



← No volcano!

How does my tree compare to turf: WUCOLS

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the homepage of the Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV) website. The browser's address bar shows the URL ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/. The page features a large header with the text "WUCOLS IV Water Use Classification of Landscape Species" in white and red on a dark background. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for "Home Page", "User Manual", "Plant Search Instructions", "Plant Search Database", "Download WUCOLS IV Plant List", "Download WUCOLS IV User Manual", "Water Requirements for Turfgrasses", "Partners", and "Acknowledgements". The main content area is titled "Home Page" and contains a "GETTING STARTED" section with the following text: "If you are using the WUCOLS list for the first time, it is essential that you read the *User Manual*. The manual contains very important information regarding the evaluation process, categories of water needs, plant types, and climatic regions. It is necessary to know this information to use WUCOLS evaluations and the plant search tool appropriately. To access the *User Manual*, click on the tab (on left) and view specific topics." Below this text, there is a paragraph about water conservation in California landscapes and a small image of a garden with purple flowers and green plants. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, icons for Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Microsoft PowerPoint, and a system tray with the date and time "2:48 PM 4/7/2014".

Home Page - Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV) - Mozilla Firefox

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Water conservation is an essential consideration in the design and management of California landscapes. Effective strategies that increase water use efficiency must be identified and implemented. One key strategy to increase efficiency is matching water supply to plant needs. By supplying only the



WUCOLS categories

CATEGORIES OF WATER NEEDS

Category	Abbreviation	Percentage of ET_o
High	H	70-90
Moderate	M	40-60
Low	L	10-30
Very Low	VL	< 10



Fig. 2. Five-finger fern was assigned to the "high" water needs category in four regions.



Participate in tree failure research!

www.WoodDecay.org

Tree failure.

Have the wood from your failed tree tested for wood-decay fungi AT NO COST to you!

Mail a small sample to Dr. Garbelotto's lab, and 6-8 weeks later receive results of the fungal assay, informing you about the presence (or absence) of wood-decay fungi in the failed wood.

For more details, contact Igor: ilacan@ucanr.edu

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Landscape Pests & Diseases During Drought



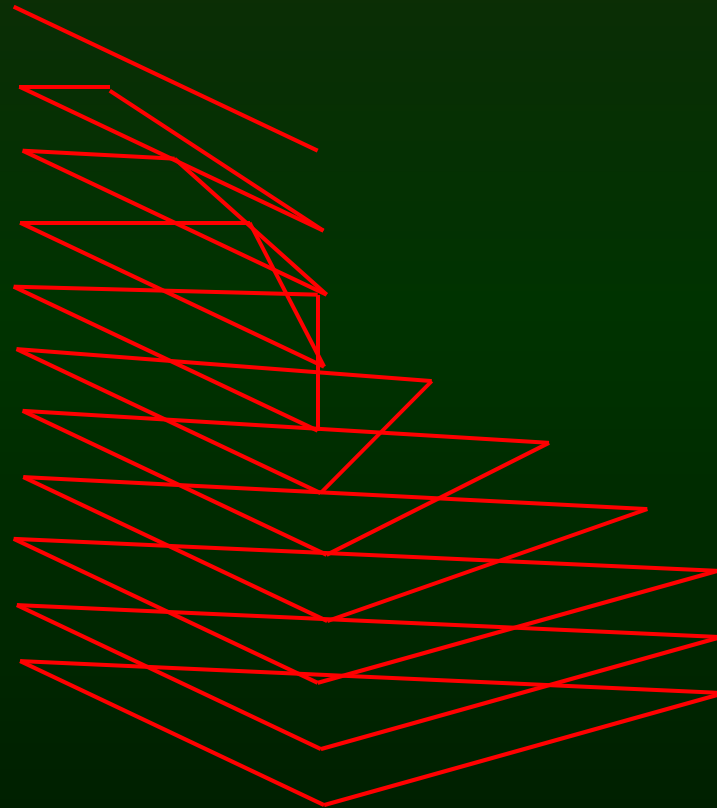
Steven Swain

Environmental Horticulture Advisor

UCCE Marin & Sonoma Counties

What do we need to know?

- Environment
 - Weather
 - Site history
- Plant
 - Ecology
- Pest or Pathogen
 - Ecology
- To control the disease, we don't have to control all of these, just one
- This happens over time



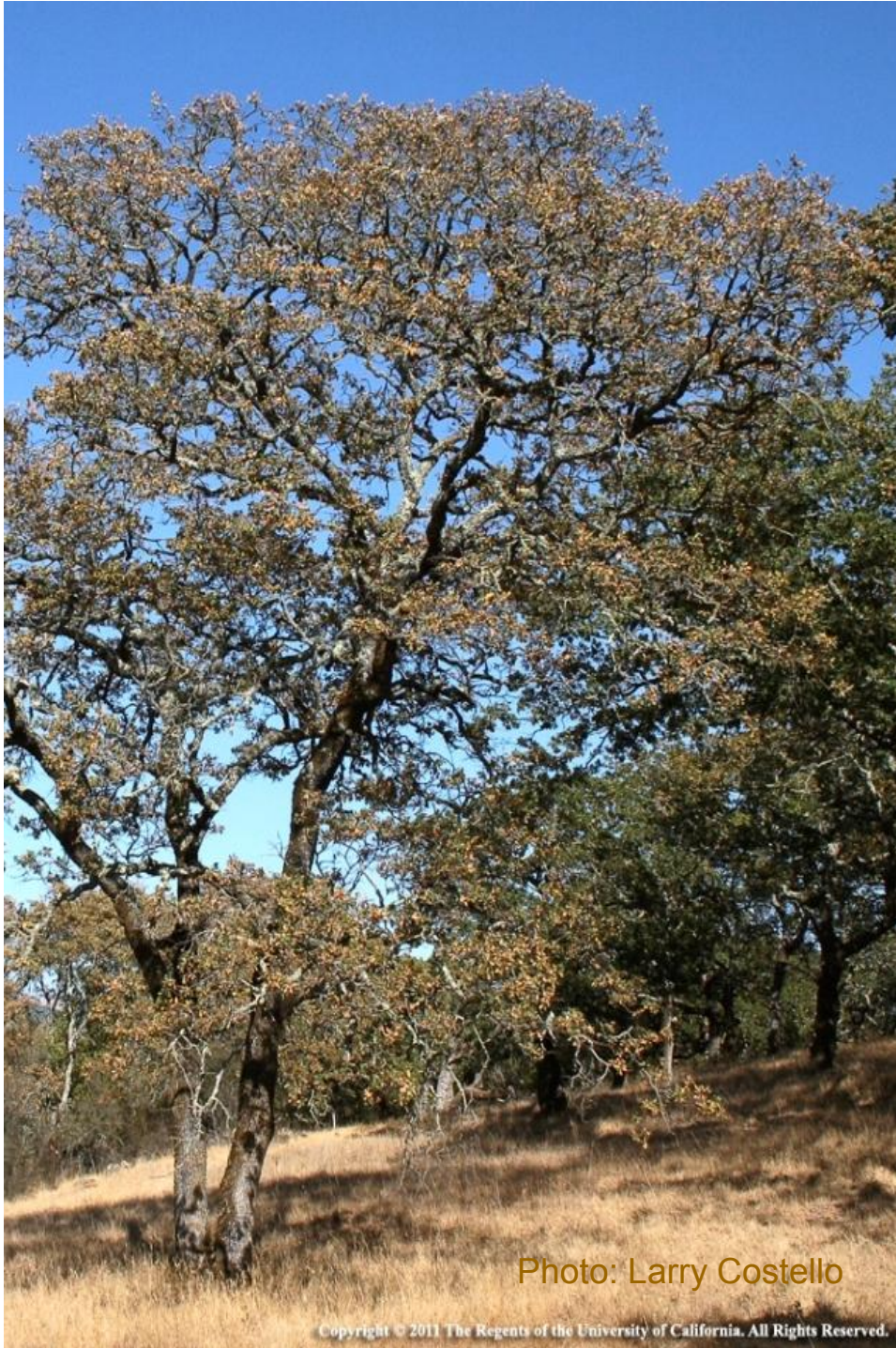


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Tree biology

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Pests & Diseases

- Primary pathogens
 - Attack regardless of the state of the tree's health
 - Tend to be exotics
 - Prefer healthy trees
 - Treatment difficult
- Opportunistic pathogens
 - Attack weakened trees
 - Tend to be natives
 - Improve conditions





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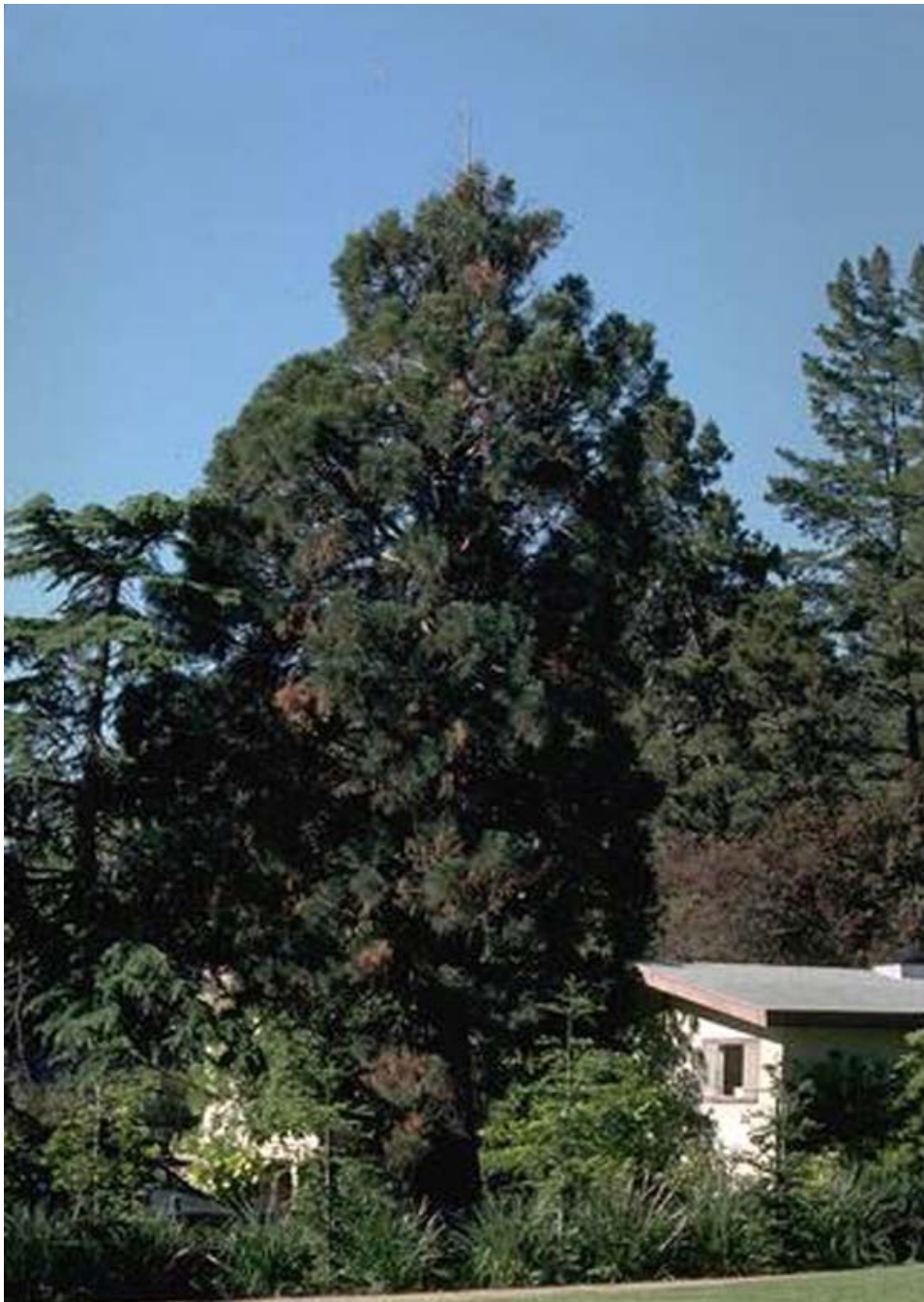
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Phytophthora

- Sudden oak death
 - Primary
 - Not much spread in drought
 - Infected oaks and tanoaks tend to die in drought



Phytophthora

- Other species more worrisome
 - e.g., *P. cinnamomi*
 - Many more being discovered
- Most are soil borne
- All require water to infect
- Thrive in “Drench and Drought” irrigation
 - Know your plants
 - Monitor your soil
 - Let things dry without stressing the plant





Armillaria (oak root rot)

- Opportunist > Primary
- Common in California soils
- Likes:
 - Summer irrigation
 - Consistently warm moist conditions
 - Droughts, hot summers
 - Vineyards
 - Lawns
 - Injured roots
 - Especially larger roots
- Fungicides ineffective

Armillaria

- “Oak Root Rot”
- White mycelia
- Usually bark is soft where disease is advanced
- Smells like fresh mushrooms
 - Often subtle
- Sometimes clumps of tan mushrooms
 - White spores



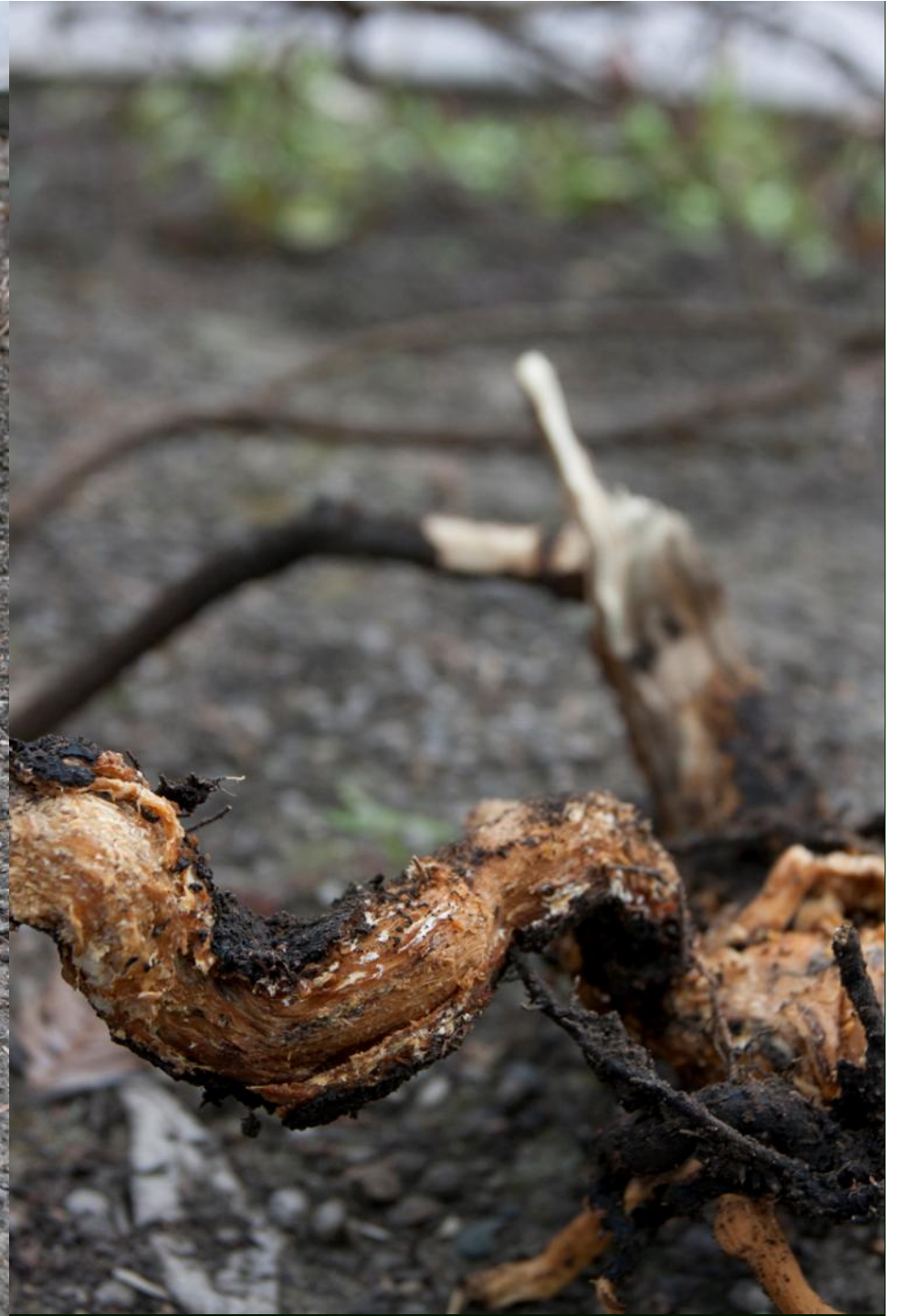
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Armillaria Management

- Water
 - Timing, amount, and location
 - Let things dry
- Chemical Tx not shown effective
 - Despite labels
- Removal
- Air spade
 - If caught early enough



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Verticillium

- Soil borne wilt
- Opportunistic
- Wide host range
 - Maples
 - Olives (no black streaks)
 - Strawberries
 - Tomatoes
 - Several weed species
- Provide optimal growing conditions

Ambrosia beetle

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Longhorned Eucalyptus borer

- Attacks drought stressed soft barked Eucalyptus
 - Blue gum
 - *E. viminalis*
- Damage not always lethal
 - Branch dieback
 - Trees flood tunnels as defense
 - No water, no defense



This Monterey pine is infested with:

- A. Ips beetles
- B. Red turpentine beetles
- C. Pine pitch moth
- D. Pine pitch canker
- E. Red gum lerp psyllid



Conifers and beetles

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 - Distinctive Y shaped galleries
- Red turpentine beetle
Dendroctonus valens
 - Low kill rate
 - Red tunnel entrances at tree base
 - Turn white with age
 - Provide good cultural care



Conifers and beetles

- Pitch masses caused by the pine pitch moth, *Synanthedon sequoiae*
 - Sometimes confused with red turpentine beetle damage
- Rarely cause significant damage
 - Most frequently found on stressed trees
- Prune trees October through January
- Appropriate water
 - Typically 1x / month to 1 foot deep

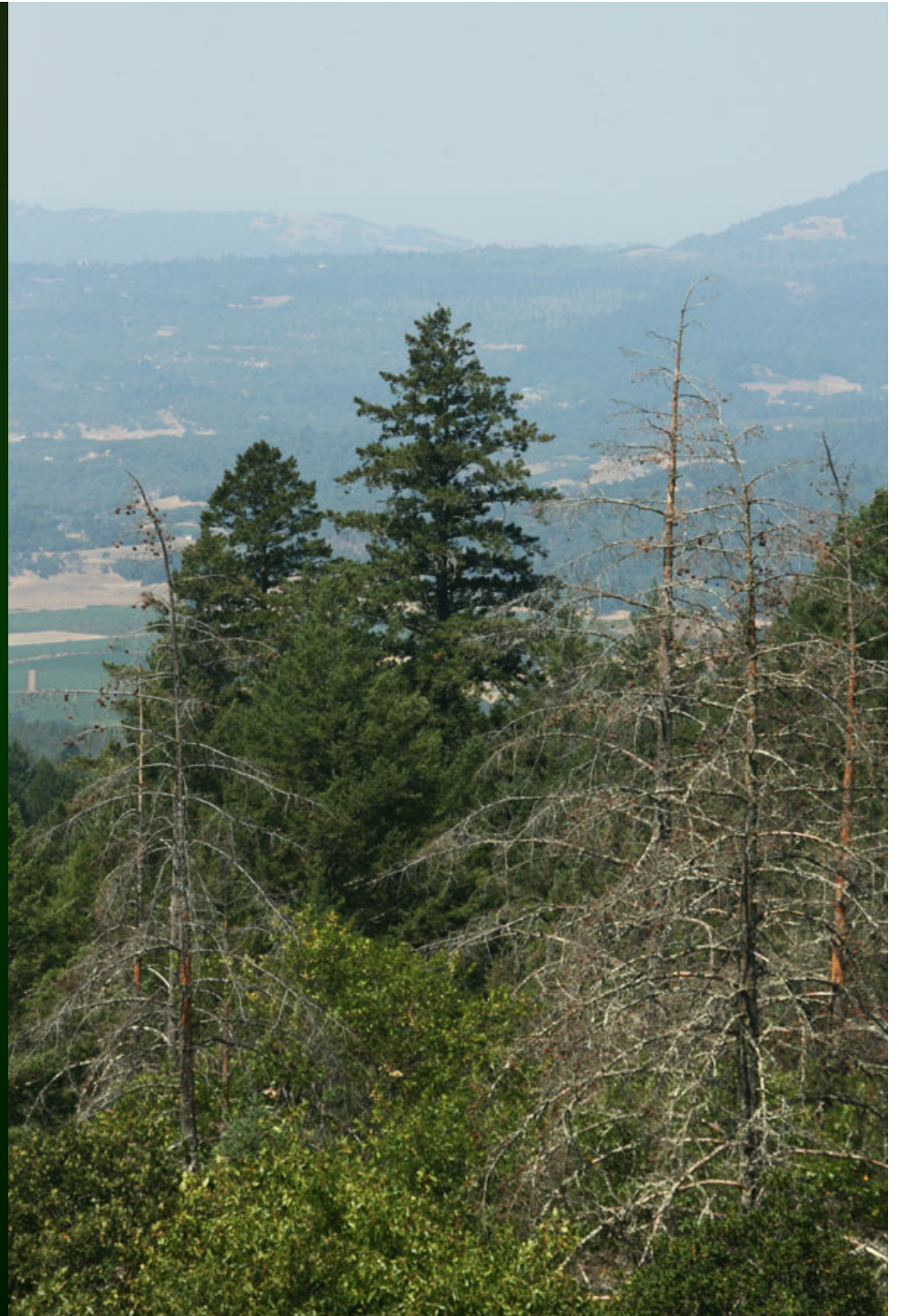
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Conifers and beetles

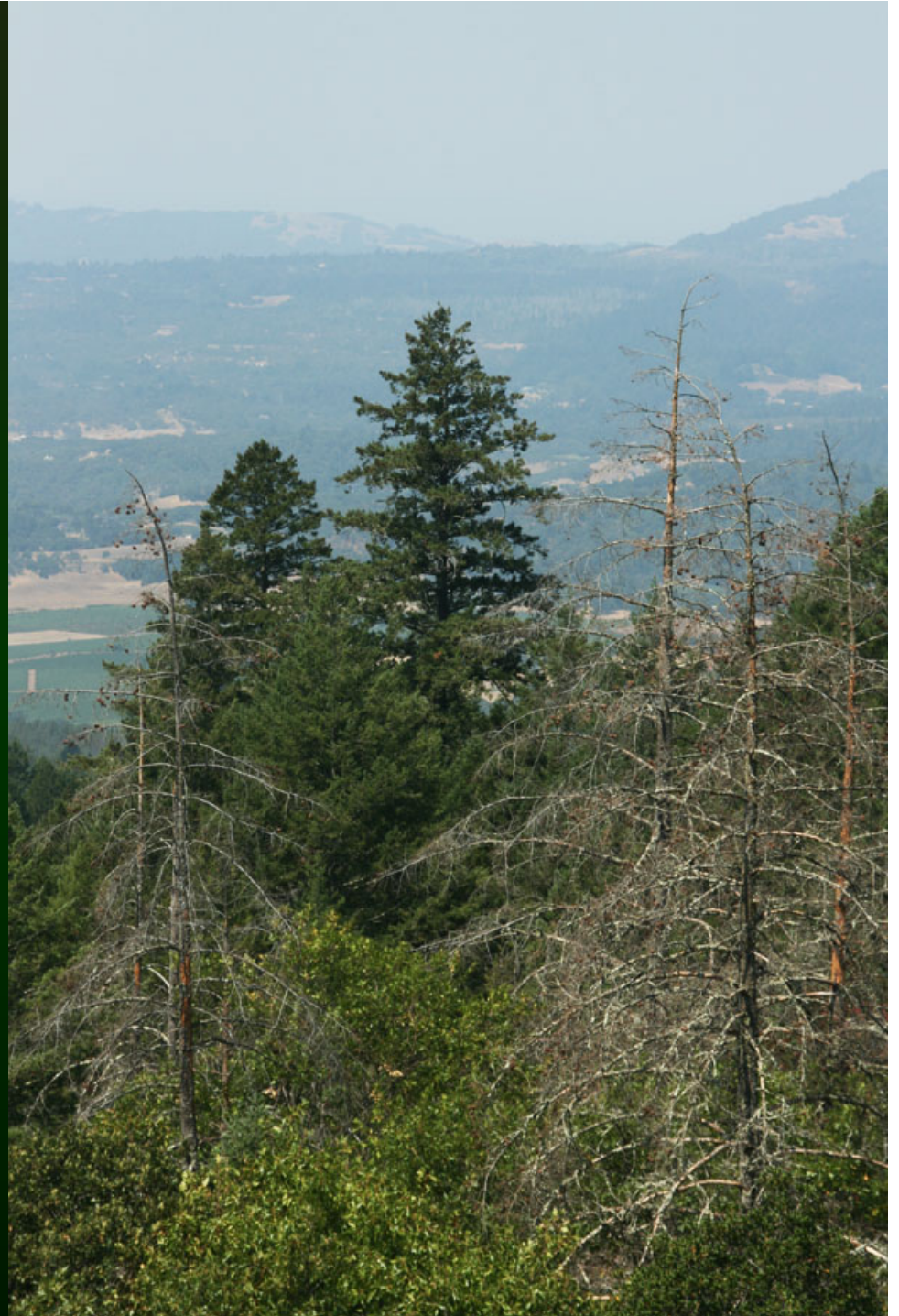
- Douglas fir invades oak woodlands in normal years
 - Saplings don't require a lot of water
 - Big trees do





Conifers and beetles

- Douglas fir engraver
Dendroctonus brevicornis
 - Attacks Douglas fir on sub-optimal sites
 - Outbreaks occur in dry years
 - Almost routine occurrence in California



Conifers and beetles

- Thuja
 - Adapted to some summer rain
- Cypress Bark Beetle *Phloeosinus cupressi*
 - Adults attack tender twig ends
 - Flagging
 - Females lay eggs at branch junctions
 - Larvae kill branches



Conifers and beetles

- Western Cedar Borer
Trachykele blondeli
 - Females lay eggs under loose bark
 - Larvae tunnel in trunk
 - Tree turns a dull green
 - Frass packed tunnels
 - Pupate just under bark
 - D shaped exit holes



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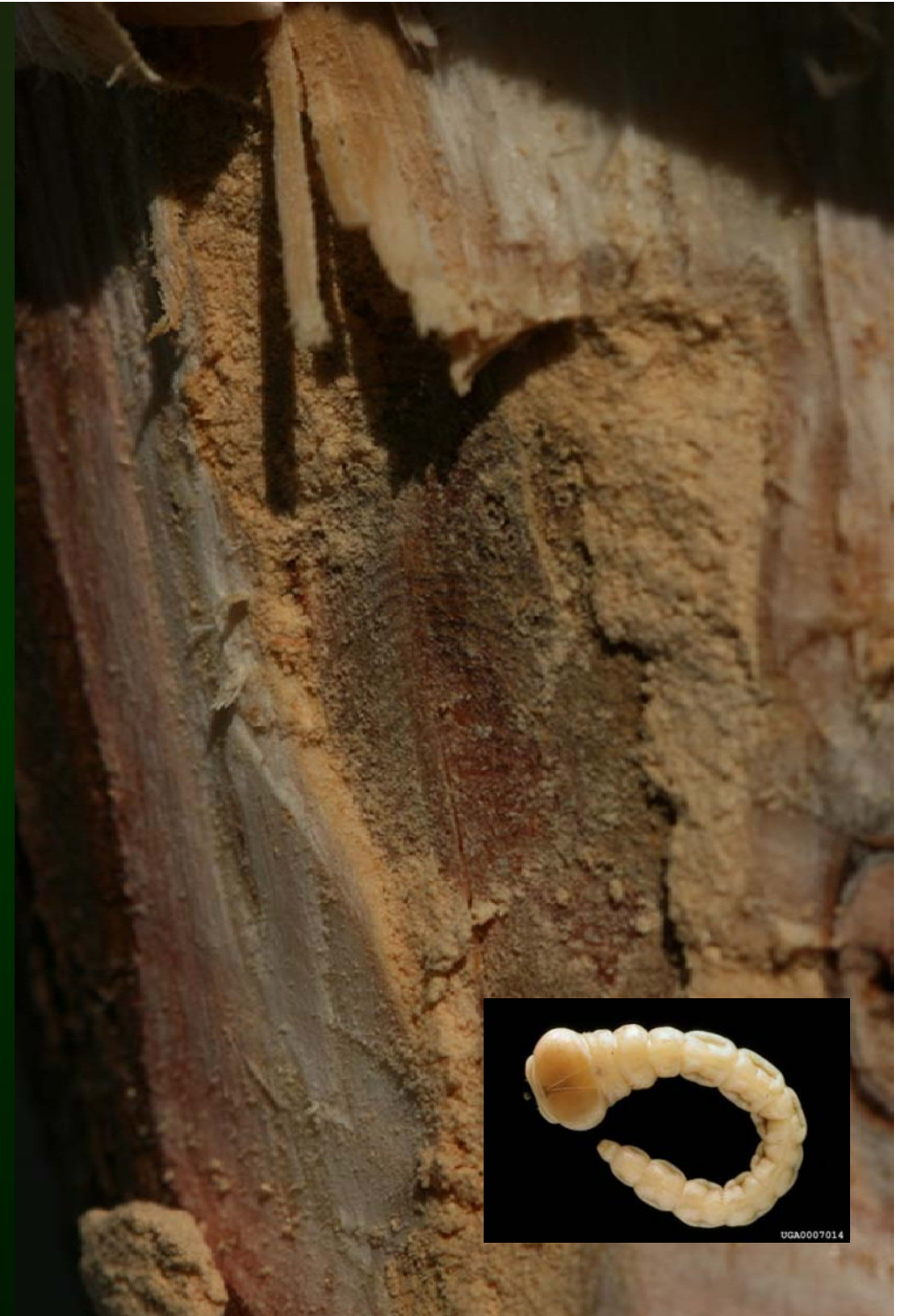




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Bronze Birch Borer

Agrilus anxius

- Birches are riparian species
 - Looked good despite inadequate water
 - Common landscape tree
- BBB introduced around 1990
- Similar lifecycle to Western cedar borer
 - Frass packed galleries
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Read Your Soil

- Direct sampling lets you know:
 - Where the roots are
 - Where the water is
- Trees manage water
 - Dry 12" down?
 - No water to manage
 - Irrigate near dripline
 - Monitor!





Landscape plants are tough

- Pathogens need an angle to survive
- Opportunistic pathogens and pests attack stressed trees (we give 'em plenty)
- Primary pathogens attack other trees in certain specific cases
 - Warm, moist soils; etc.
- Diagnosing the problem
 - The disease triangle
 - UC IPM: <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/>



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*Weed Management Under
Drought Conditions*

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° WHAT DO DROUGHT
CONDITIONS LOOK LIKE?





Malva

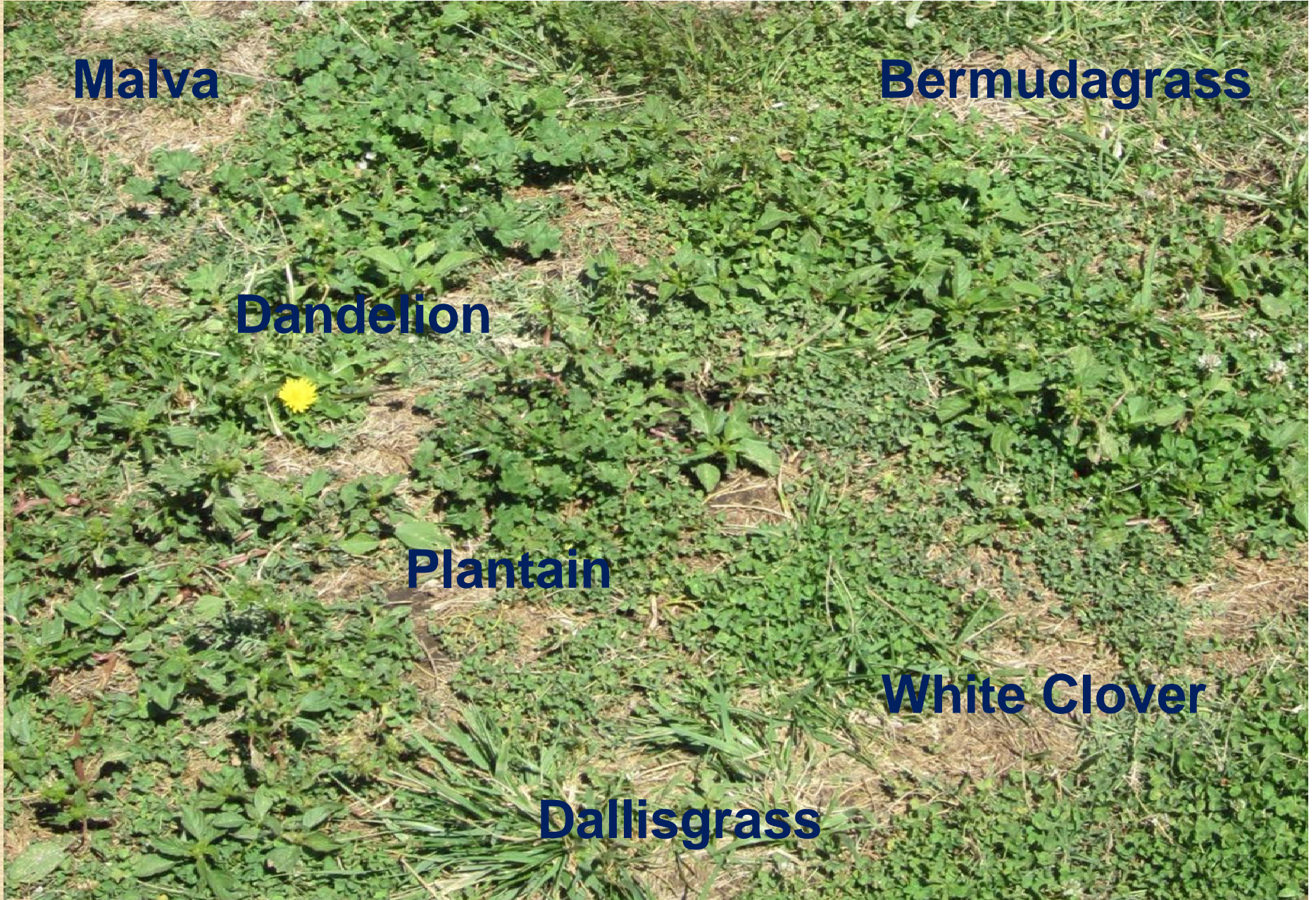
Bermudagrass

Dandelion

Plantain

White Clover

Dallisgrass







Plantain



Prostrate Knotweed







Managing Weeds Under Drought Conditions

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- How will control methods effect weed species makeup?



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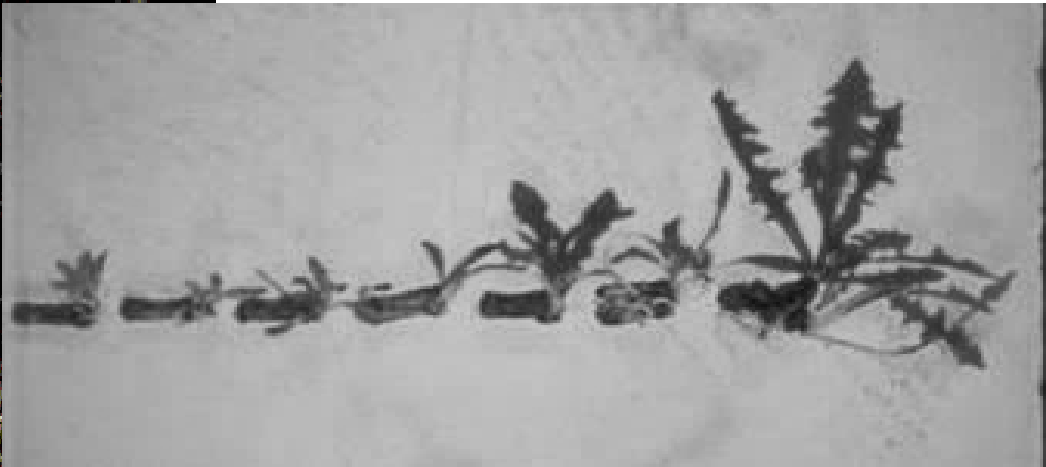
- Which weeds will survive?



Managing Weeds Under Drought Conditions:

Things to Consider:

- Which weeds will survive?
 - Weeds with an extensive root systems- usually perennials-but not always
 - Weeds adapted for growing in dry areas-usually grow in compacted soils.



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Dandelion

Taraxacum officinale

- Perennial-grow almost year round
- Each Plant can produce thousands of seeds-
- Control plants when small before they become perennial-roots can resprout if not completely removed



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Broadleaf plantain

Plantago major

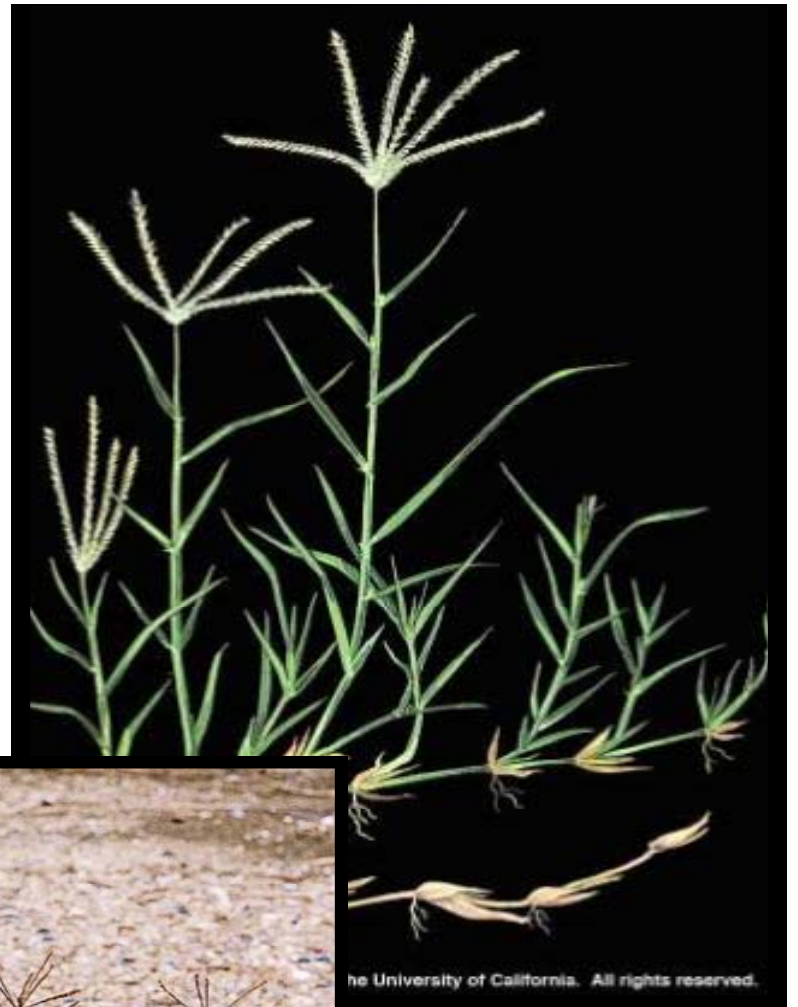
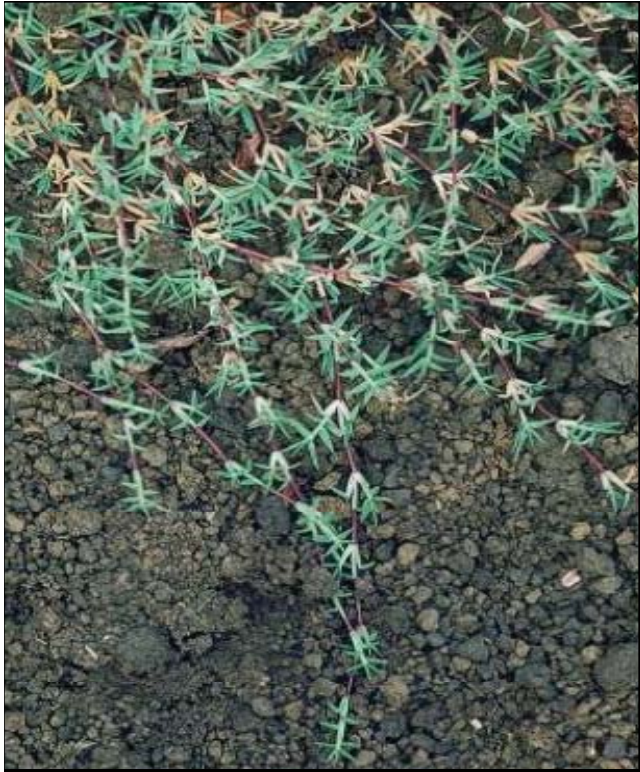
- Rosette-forming perennial.
- Short, thick taproot. Reproduces by seed. Germinates best in wet areas, but after establishment can tolerate very dry conditions.
- *Sign of irregular irrigation.* If you have this weed in your lawn check sprinklers for consistency. Check pipes for leaks.



Bermuda Buttercup

Oxalis pes-capri

- Bulbs germinate in fall after first rain. Foliage dies and bulbs become dormant as temperatures rise in late spring and summer
- Plants in California very rarely produce seeds
- Forms a single, short underground vertical stem
- Small, whitish bulblets develop on the stems at the base of the rosette of leaves and new bulbs form underground.
- Repeated cultivation before bulbs are developed may reduce infestation



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Bermudagrass

Cynodon dactylon

- Perennial Grass-
 - Spreads by Stolon, Rhizome and Seeds
- Growth is reduced by shade
- Will go dormant in winter
- Can be controlled by drying out in summer... not easily-
- Drought tolerant because of extensive root system and above ground morphology



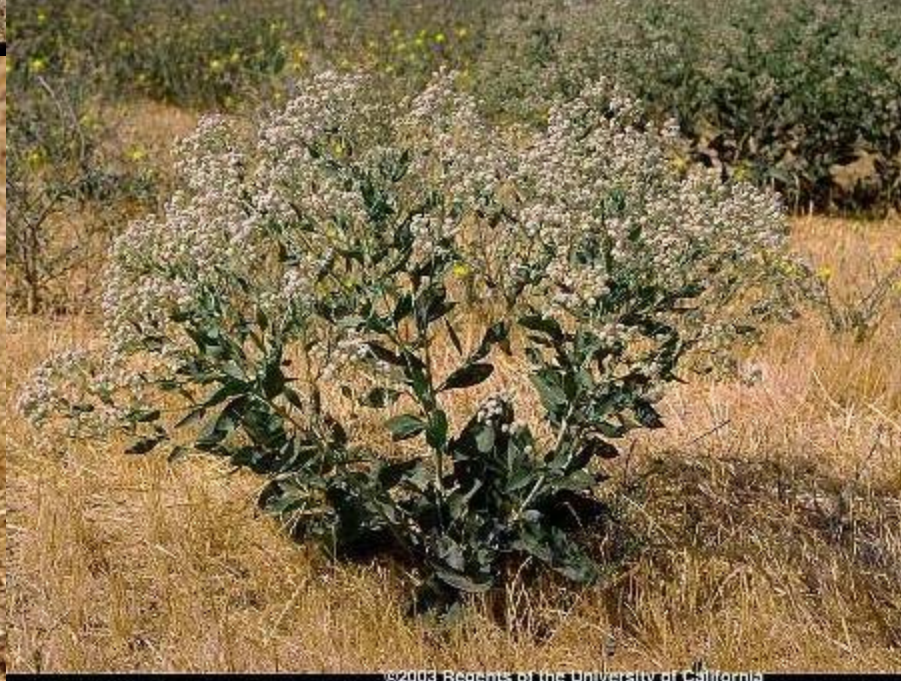
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Yellow Starthistle

- *Centaurea solstitialis*
- Winter annual-spread by seed
- Approx. 13 M acres infested in California
- Develops taproot to 6 feet or more allowing it to access deep moisture in summer.
- Should be mowed at 5% bloom- if mowed before- more seed production and longer growth period will occur



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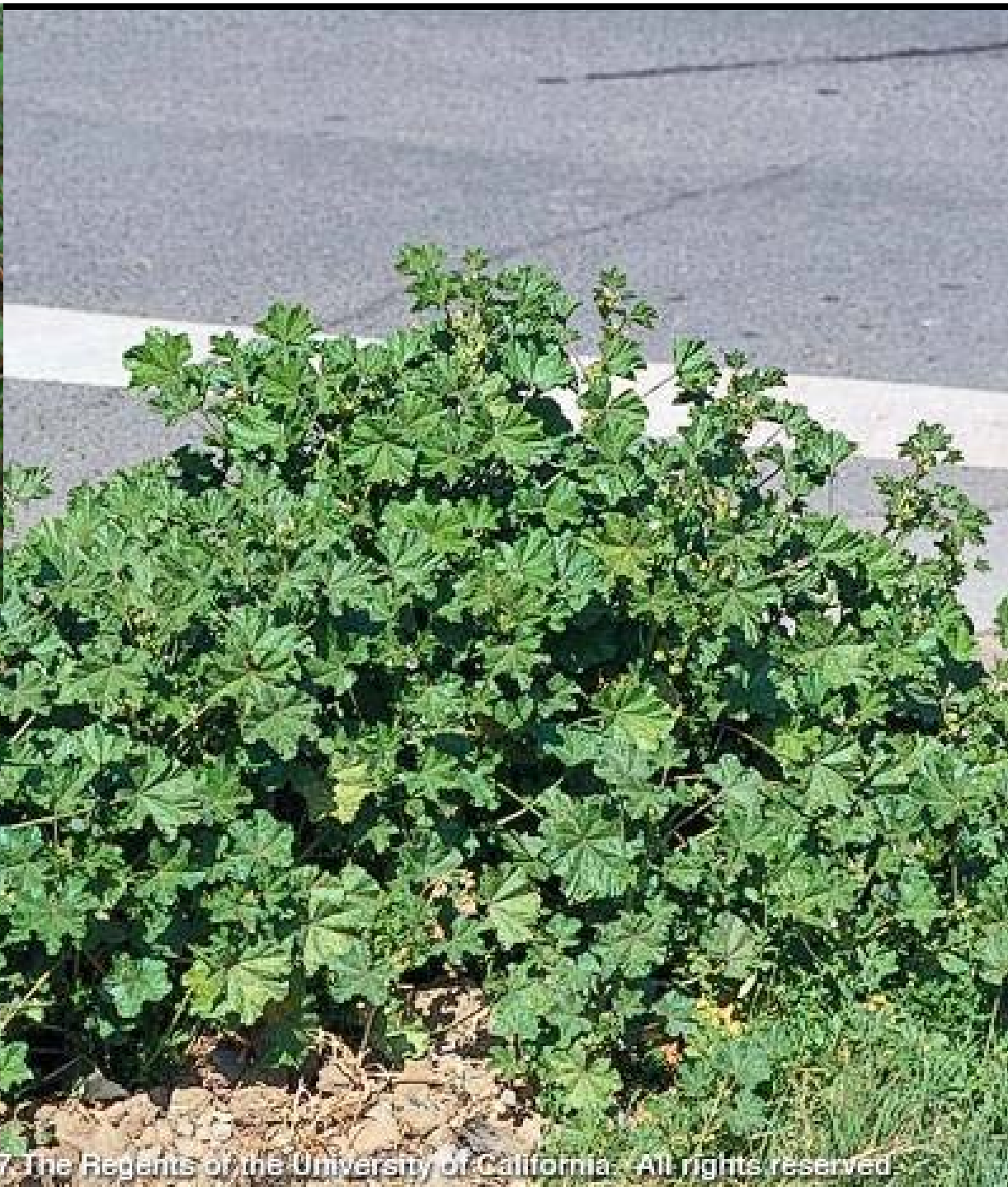
Perennial Pepperweed

- *Lepidium latifolium*
- Perennial with extensive lateral root system
- Crown and lower stems woody
- In California usually starts in area that may have occasional standing water- not necessary once established.
- Spreads by creeping roots, root fragments and by seed



Field Bindweed

- *Convolvulus arvensis*
- Perennial with vinelike stem
- Spreads by seed, rhizome and creeping roots.
- Roots can penetrate soil to 10 feet or more.
- Seeds can remain dormant for 15-20 years- or more
- Maximum translocation of carbohydrates from shoots to roots occurs from the bud to full flow stage

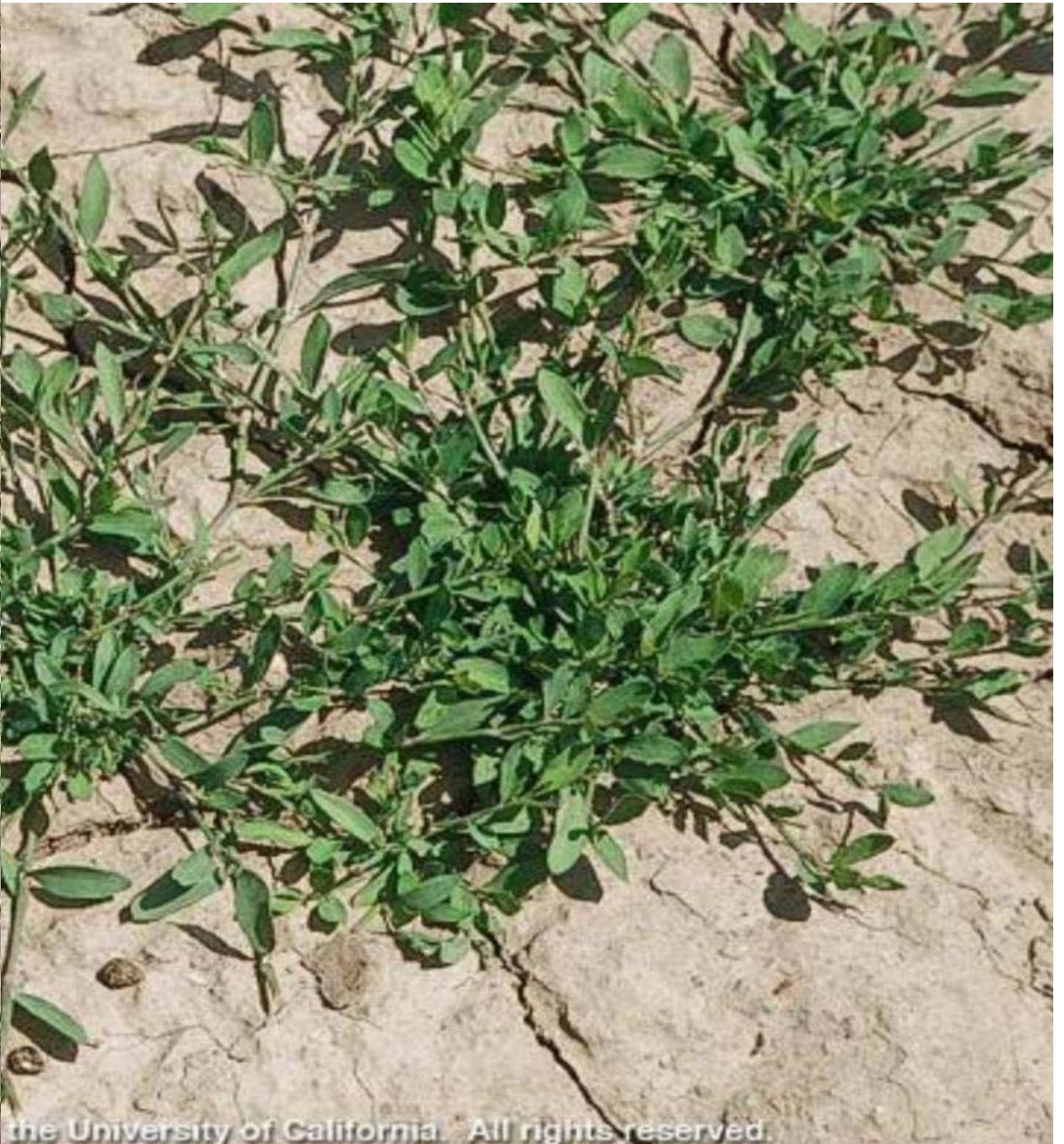
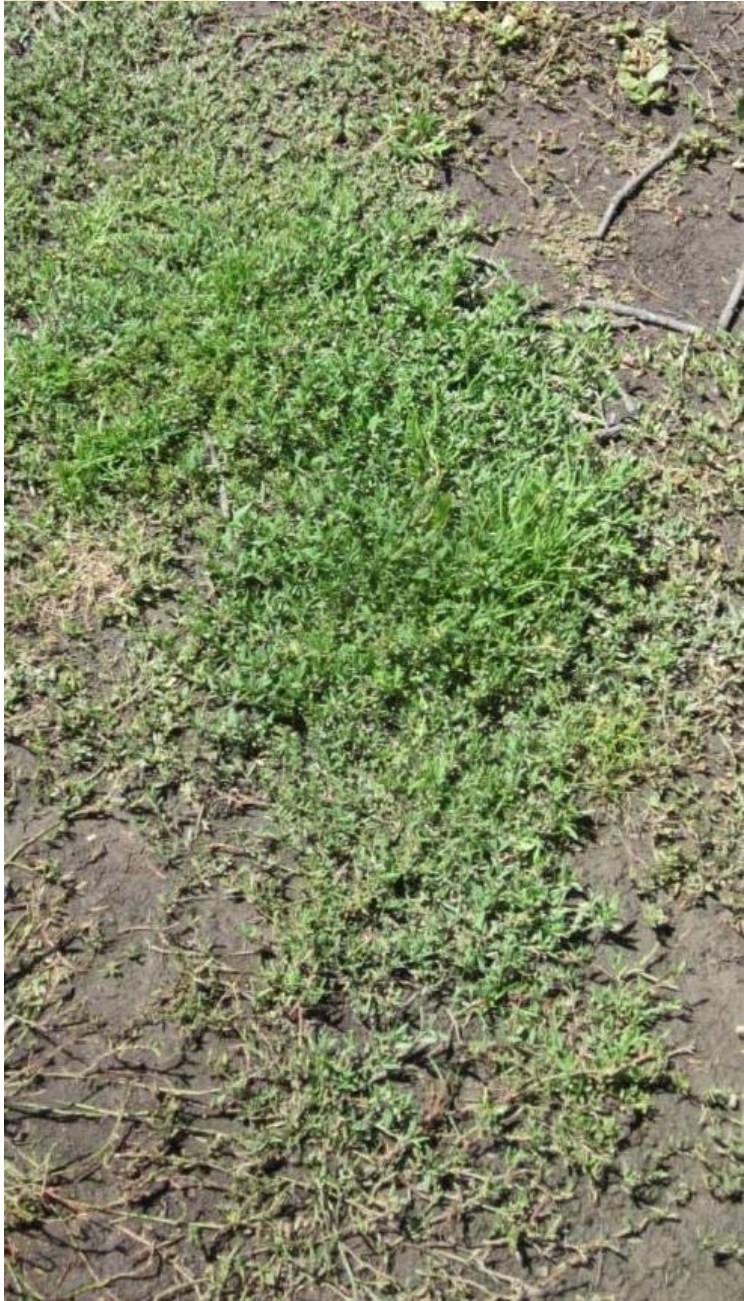


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Cheeseweed-Malva-Mallow

Malva parviflora

- Several Malva species- all annual to short lived perennial
- Heart-shaped cotylendons
- If conditions are right cultivated pieces can re-root
- Usually a problem in non-cultivated areas
- Large plants difficult to control with postemegent herbicide applications



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Prostrate knotweed

Polygonum aviculare L.

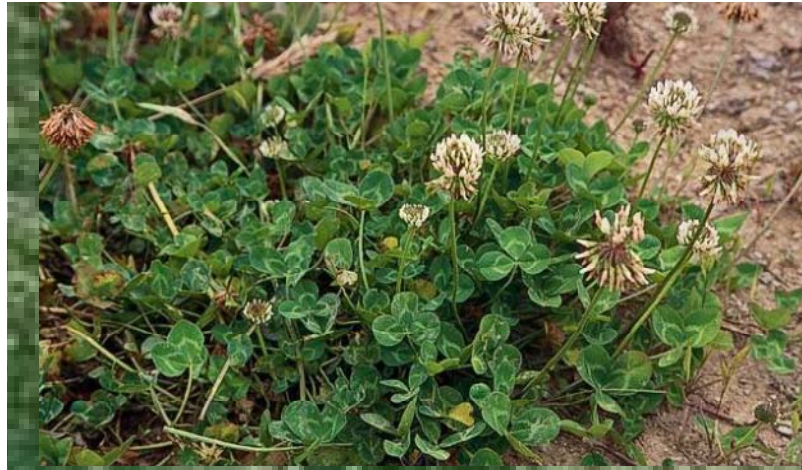
- Summer annual. Reproduces by seed. Is one of the first summer annuals to germinate in spring. Usually a sign of compacted or problem soil. Knotweed is easily pulled and chemicals usually are not needed.
- Compaction of soil should be corrected. Aeration will help. Soil amendments such as gypsum may help alleviate the problem in clay soils.



Dallisgrass

Paspalum dilatatum Poir.

- Coarse textured perennial producing spreading clumps and short, thick rhizomes.
- Reproduces by seed; once established the clumps expand by short rhizomes. Well adapted to close, frequent mowing. Also a weed in alfalfa fields.
- Once established, control is by digging or chemical treatment.



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White clover

Trifolium repens L.

- Perennial
- Reproduction is by seed and stolon
- Seed coats are very hard, ensuring extended dormancy
- Grows best in areas of low Nitrogen
- Can regrow faster than turf, giving area 'lumpy' appearance



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Goosegrass

Eleusine indica

- Annual; low rosette, mat forming, stems compressed.
- Appears as silvery, pale green clump.
- Normally found in compacted areas or areas of heavy wear.



Bermudagrass

Cynodon dactylon

- Perennial. Reproduces by stolon or rhizome, less by seed.
- Drought-tolerant; goes dormant when temperature drops in fall.
- Spreads especially well under close mowing.



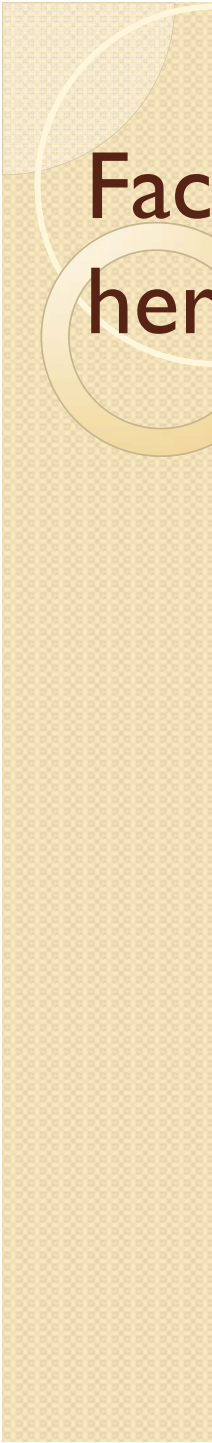
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Using Herbicides under drought conditions



Factors that effect herbicide activity

- ✓ Soil Characteristics
- ✓ Degradation
- ✓ Moisture level
- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Herbicide Characteristics
- ✓ Application



Herbicide Action Criteria

- ✓ Herbicide must be absorbed
- ✓ It must be moved to the site of action
- ✓ Must arrive in high enough quantities to be toxic

Preemergence Herbicides

- ✓ Usually need rain or irrigation within 3 weeks to work
- ✓ Generally will not control weeds that are already up (emerged) germinating seedlings are controlled
- ✓ Must be at proper depth to work effectively

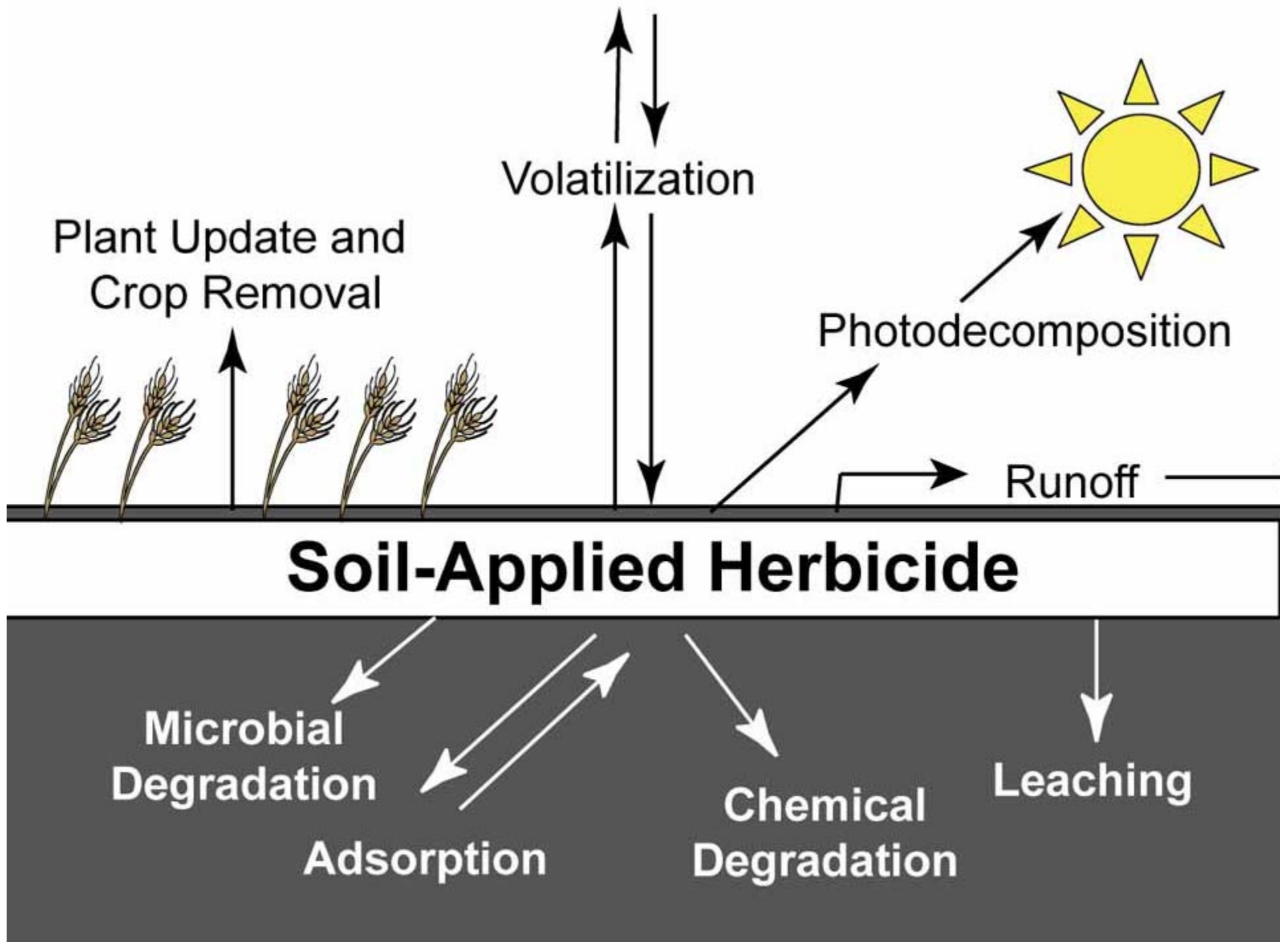
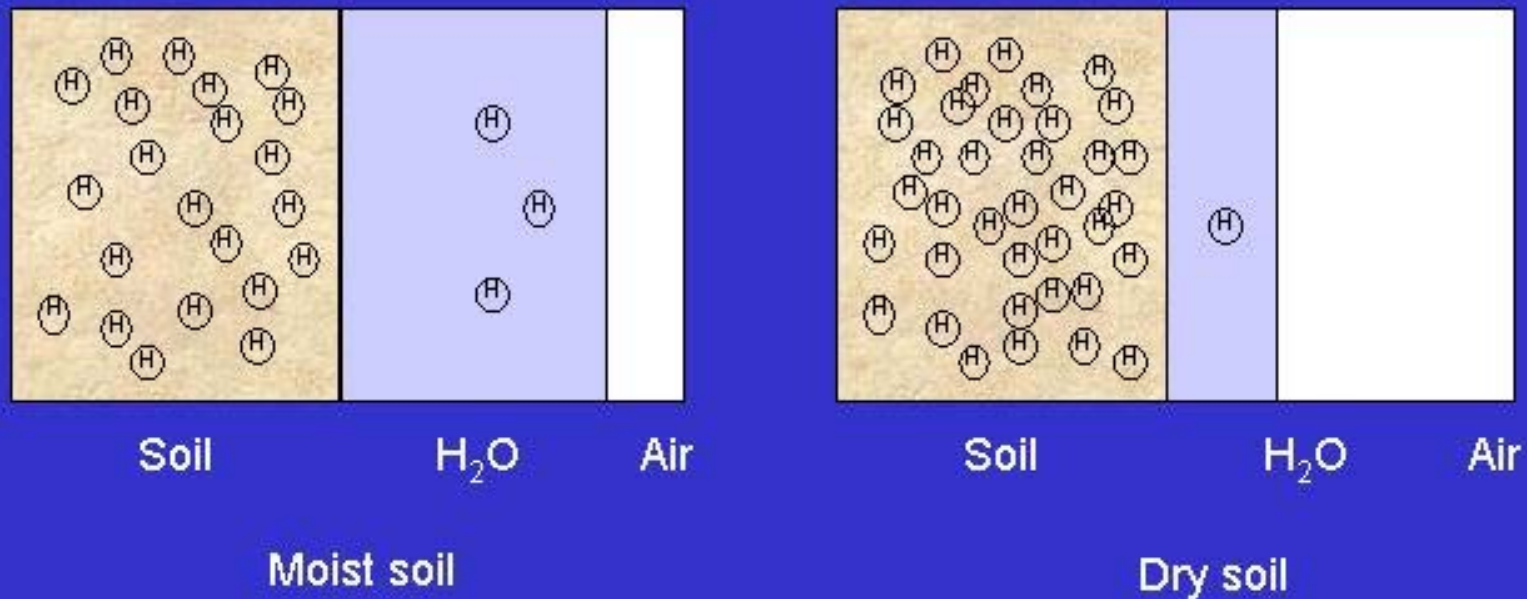



Figure 2. Soil moisture effect on herbicide availability.





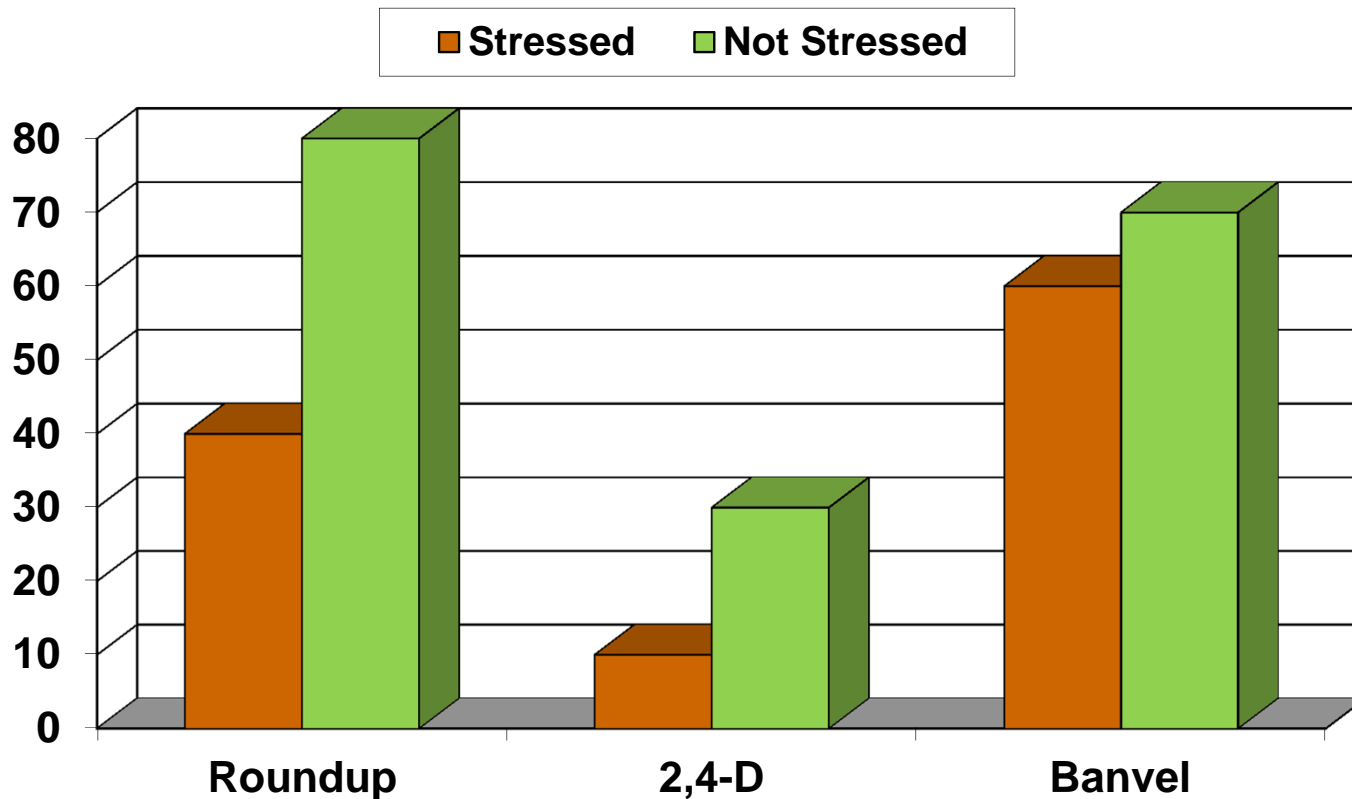
Drought conditions can shift weed control to Postemergent Herbicides due to Preemergent failure and late weed emergence

Postemergence Herbicides

- ✓ Must be absorbed into the weed
- ✓ Easiest to control seedlings
- ✓ Weeds must be actively growing
- ✓ Some rain free period after application

Field Bindweed Control relative to Plant Stress

Field Bindweed Control (%)



Control 1yr after application

Bayer 1987

Drought Stress

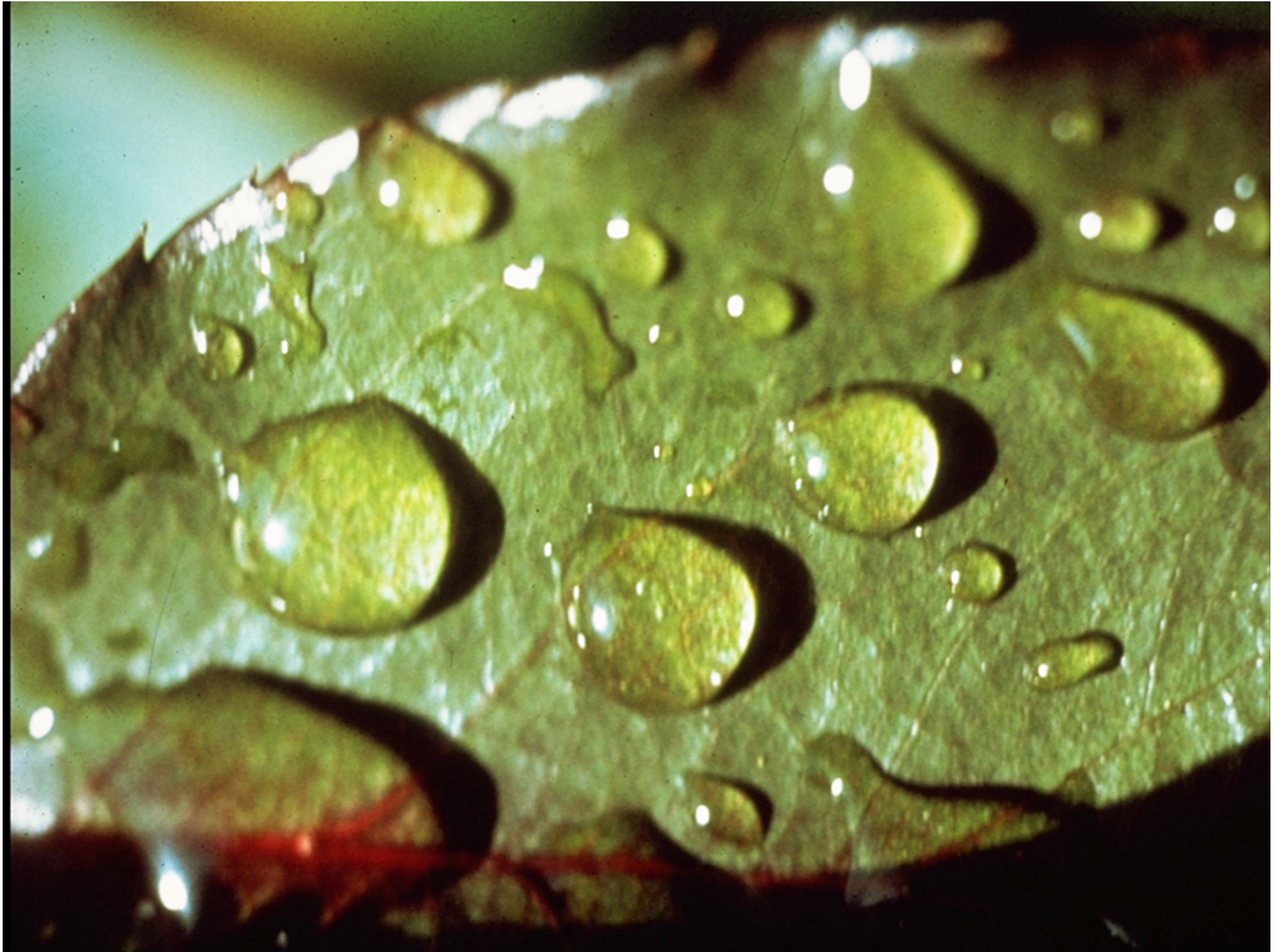
Plant stress

Thickened cuticle

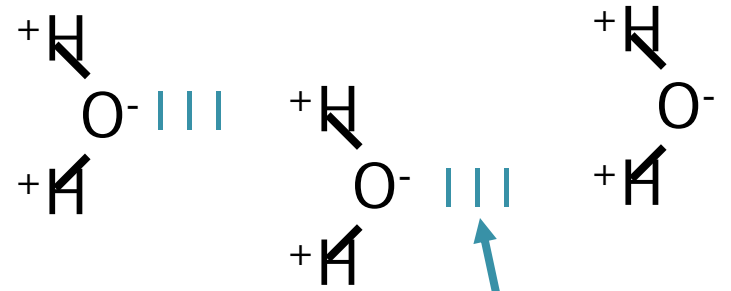
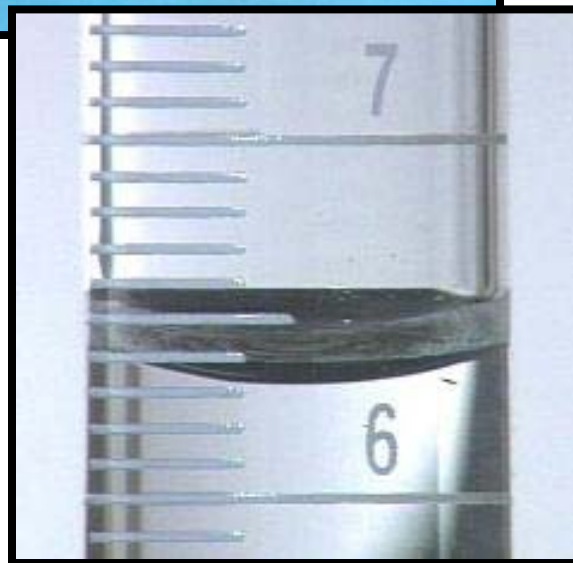
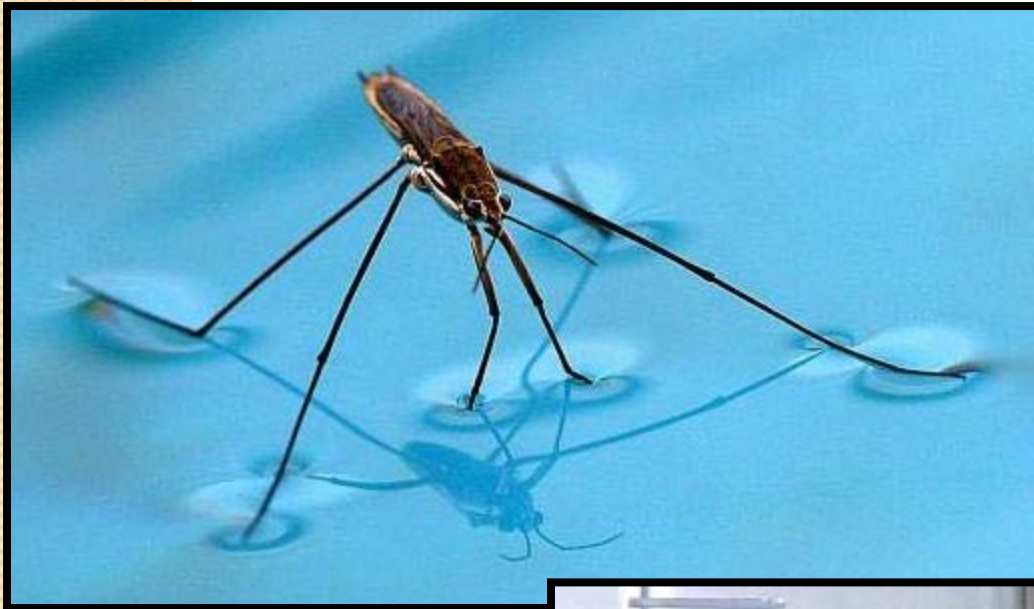


Surfactants

- Surfactants are products that enhance the ability of a herbicide to enter into a leaf or to stay in an aqueous solution
 - Surface Active Agents
- Normally used at 0.25 to 1%, v/v (2 to 8 pt/100 gal)
- Most are nonionic surfactants, although silicon surfactants are also available
- All act on the surface tension of water



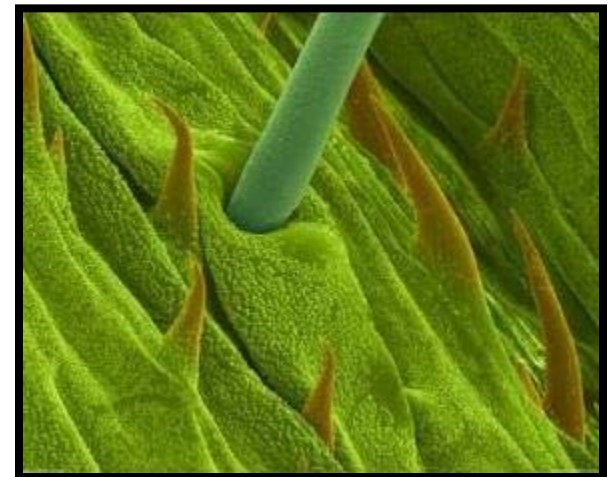
Surface Tension of Water



Caused by
hydrogen bonding
between water
molecules

How Do Surfactants Improve Herbicide Uptake?

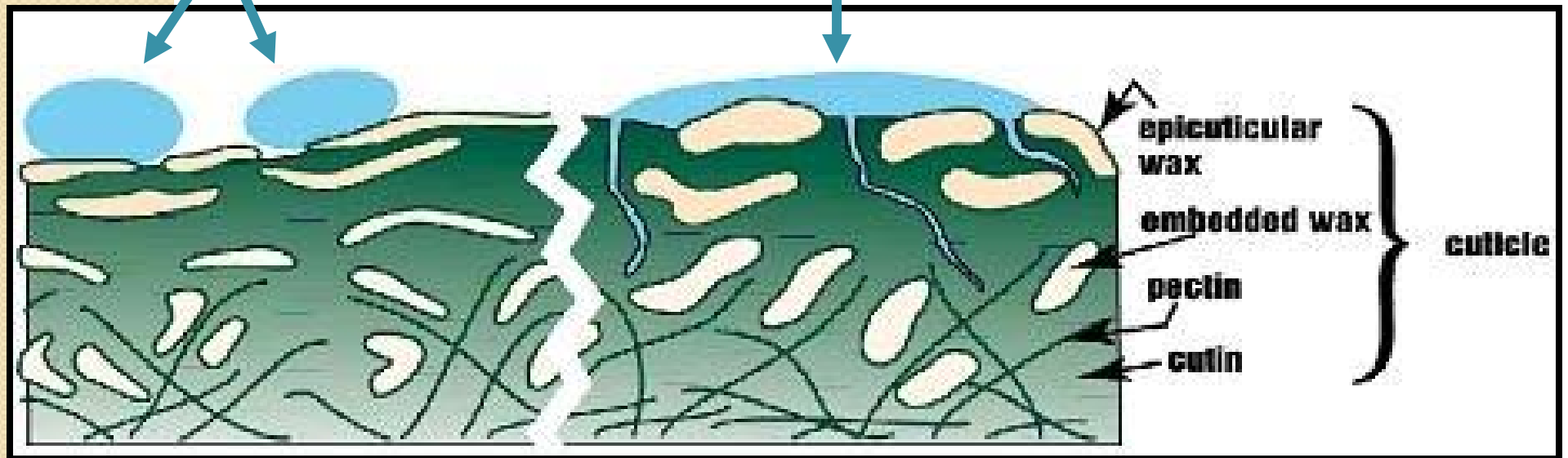
- The leaf surface restricts **water loss** and hinders **uptake of liquids** from the environment
 - **Hairs** (density, length)
 - **Cuticle** (wax, cutin, pectin)
 - **Stomata** (holes in the that regulate **gas exchange** with the atmosphere)



Adding surfactant to the mix can increase herbicide droplet contact with foliage

Without surfactant

With added surfactant



How Do Surfactants Improve Herbicide Uptake?

- Surfactants:
 - Cause greater droplet contact with the leaf surface and aid in movement into stomata
 - Slow evaporation of herbicide droplets
 - May increase rain-fastness of herbicides
 - Assist in passage of hydrophilic herbicides through hydrophobic wax layers



Reduced rainfall can effect water quality-

Ground water will usually have a higher mineral content

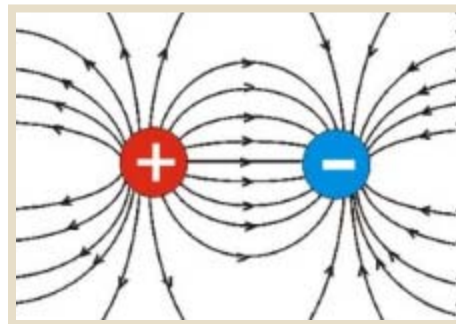
Things To Watch Out For

- The **threshold level** for “hard” water antagonism ranges from **150 ppm for calcium** to **300 ppm for sodium**
- Compatability problems from addition of **liquid fertilizers**
- If dry AMS is used, be sure to filter out **non-soluble materials** to prevent clogging of nozzles
- At **low pH**, more glyphosate exists as a **salt** than as the **free acid**
- Slightly acidic spray solution applied to leaves results in **better glyphosate uptake**
- So when spraying glyphosate, it's best to use water with a **pH from 4 to 6**
- If water **exceeds pH 7**, consider using a buffer



Glyphosate and Hard Water

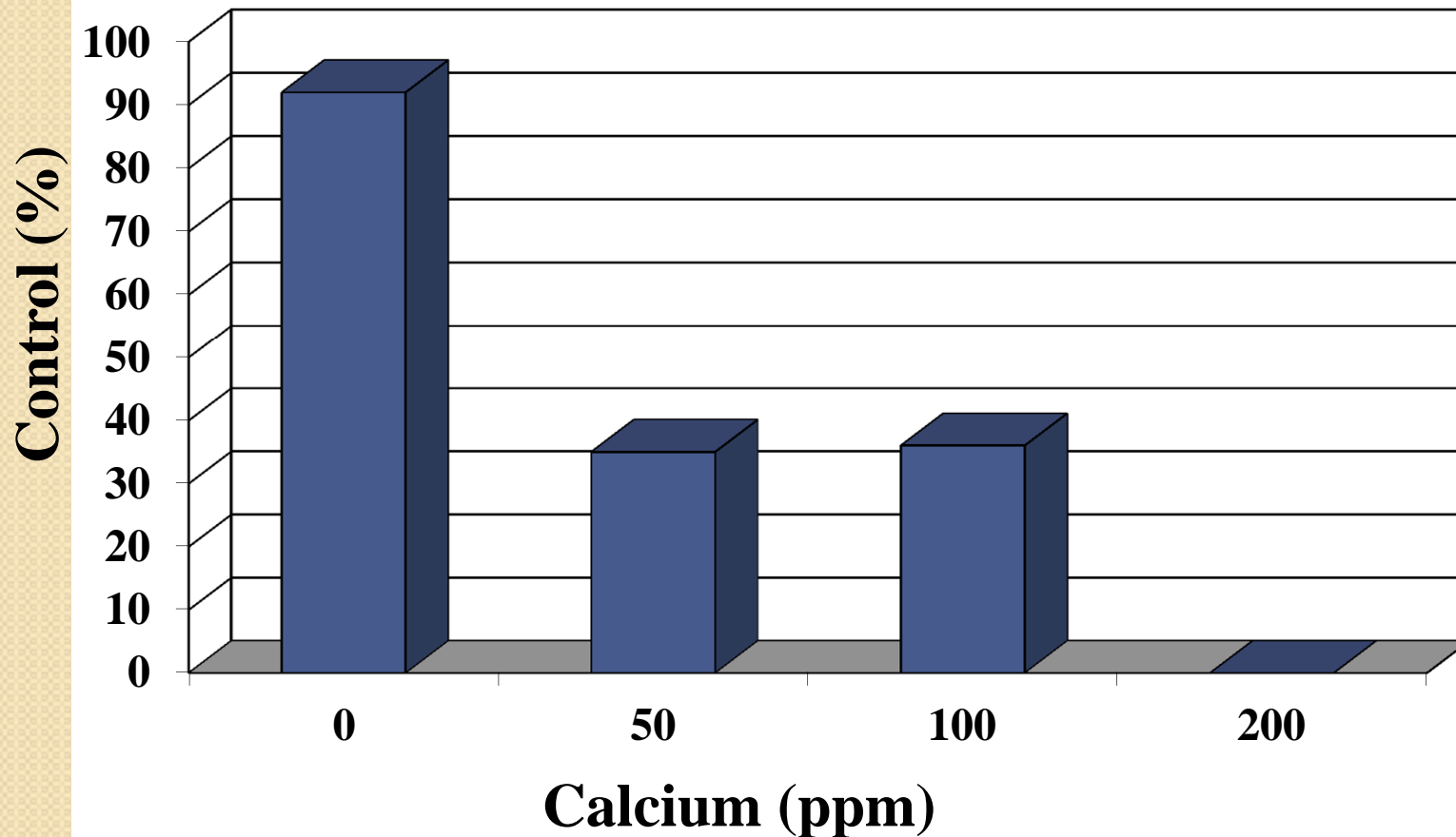
- Glyphosate salts are **antagonized by other salts** in hard water such as calcium, sodium, magnesium, and iron
 - These elements form cations (positively charged ions) that react with negatively charged glyphosate salts
- Both **ammonium** (NH_3^{1+}) and **sulfate** (SO_4^{2-}) active
 - Glyphosate is **more readily absorbed** into foliage when combined with **ammonium** than when combined with Ca^{2+} , Na^{1+} , Mg^{2+} , or Fe^{2+} ions
 - Free **sulfate** binds with Ca^{2+} , Na^{1+} , Mg^{2+} , or Fe^{2+} ions



Physiological Effects of Glyphosate/Fertilizer Mixes

- Adding AMS can increase movement of herbicide through the leaf cuticle, cell wall, or across the plasma membrane of the cells of certain weed species
 - Basipetal movement of ^{14}C -glyphosate is increased when AMS is added due to improved cellular uptake and phloem mobility
- More glyphosate in plant cells establishes a concentration gradient, increasing “phloem loading” and translocation

Torpedograss Control relative to Calcium conc.



Roundup applied @ 1.0 lbs/ac

Shilling and Haller 1985

Wheat fresh weight reduction from Roundup (0.2 lbs/a) at 14 DAT

Ammonium Sulfate	Distilled water	Well water #1	Well water #2
None	79	0	0
2%	84	85	83
By analysis (1.16%)	—	80	79

Nalewaja and Matysiak 1993

Dust and Glyphosate

- Recall that glyphosate **binds with soil**, so dusty on plant foliage ties up the herbicide and **reduces activity**





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Herbicide Resistance

- Herbicide resistance: the inherited ability of a plant to survive and reproduce following exposure to a dose of herbicide normally lethal to the wild type
 - “We used to be able to control this weed with this treatment but it doesn’t work as well anymore...”

Herbicide Tolerance

- Herbicide tolerance: the inherent ability of a species to survive and reproduce after herbicide treatment; implies no selection or genetic manipulation to make the plant tolerant
 - “We’ve never gotten dependable control of this weed with this herbicide...”

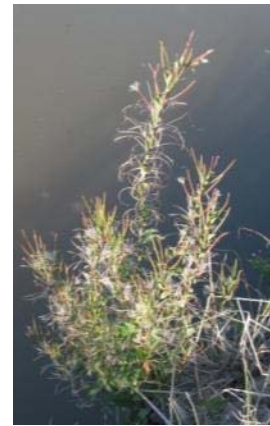
Weeds that Naturally Tolerate Glyphosate in the Western United States



Burning nettle



Creeping buttercup



Panicle willowweed



Morningglory



Yellow nutsedge



common lambsquarters



purslane



Black nightshade



Filaree



Cheeseweed

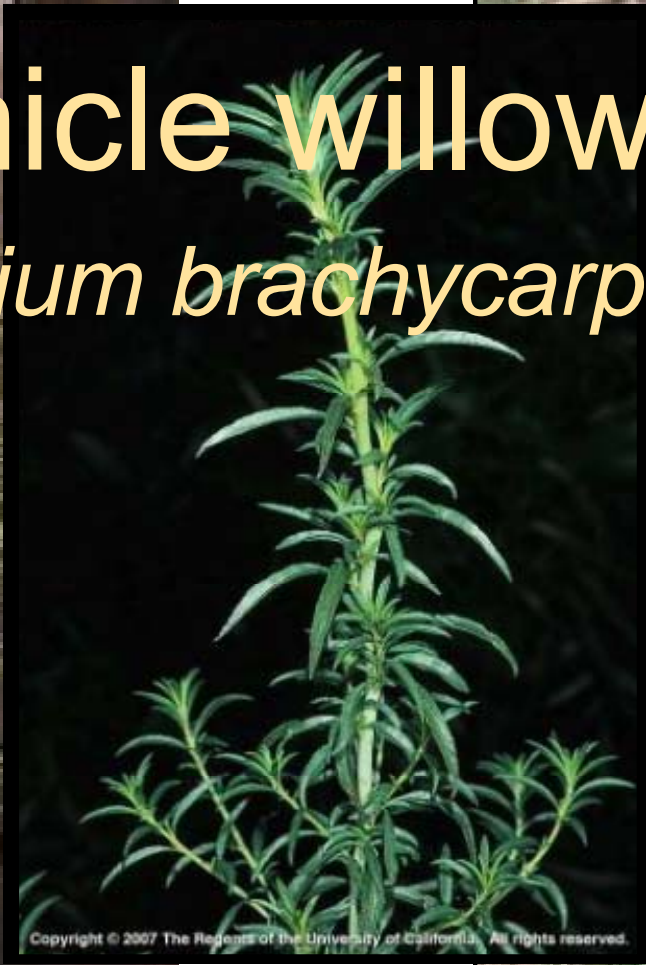
Glyphosate-resistant Weed Distribution in California and Oregon



Common name	Rigid ryegrass	Italian ryegrass	Horseweed	Hairy fleabane	Junglerice
State	California	Oregon	California	California	California
Location	Orchards	Orchards	Roadsides	Roadsides, vineyards	Corn, orchards, roadsides
Year first confirmed	1998	2004	2005	2007	2008

Panicle willowherb

Epilobium brachycarpum C. Presl



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Rigid and Italian Ryegrass

(*Lolium rigidum* and *L. multiflorum*)

- Often co-exist (swarm)
- Annual grass
- Obligate outcrossers
- Throughout CA but more common weed in northern Central Valley
- 2 to 15-fold resistance
- Usually target site mutation





Horseweed (*Conyza canadensis*)

- AKA mare's tail
- Annual weed
- Prolific seed producer
- Wind-blown seed
- Early colonizer
- Doesn't tolerate disturbance
- 6-fold resistance (whole plant)
- 4-8 fold resistance (in vivo)
- Mechanism not known. Suspected translocation mutation



Large Horseweed treated with glyphosate







Is this the root of
the problem?

Final Points



- Be able to ID weeds and understand their biology
- Weather conditions will ‘shift’ weed populations
- Weed management imposes selection pressure
Tolerance, resistance, shifting populations
- Understand herbicide mode of action and rotate herbicides and other management tactics to reduce selection pressure
- Monitor fields and control escapes to manage small problems rather than large ones!



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New (2012) restrictions on pyrethroid insecticide applications protect urban surface waters

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- <http://ucanr.edu/sites/urbanIPM/>

What is Cooperative Extension?

- Morrill Act 1862, **Smith-Lever Act 1914**: land-grant colleges CE continuum
 - Federal mandates: focus on applied disciplines and extend information to interested public
 - Needs shifting from agricultural to health, natural resources, urban community

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Water

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Outline of presentation

- Analysis of problem
 - Urban pesticide users
 - Problems with urban pesticide use
 - The problem with pyrethroids
 - Effects of drought on urban surface water
- Overview of new (2012) CDPR restrictions
 - a.i.s affected, prohibitions, exemptions
- Alternative management strategies
 - IPM and baits
 - The problem with fipronil

Central tenets of IPM

- Education
- Prevention
- Monitoring
- Treatment Thresholds
- Multiple Tactics
- Integration
- Evaluation



Major users of pesticides in urban areas

- General (residential) public
 - Homeowners / tenants
 - Property owners / managers
- Pest management professionals (PMPs)
- Government agencies
- Agriculture
 - Non-crop systems: ornamental nurseries
 - Urban ag systems

Pesticides in Urban Runoff, Wastewater, and Surface Water



Annual Urban Pesticide Use Data Report 2010

*Prepared for the
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June 28, 2010

Table 2. Overview of Pesticide Use Reporting in California

Examples of Pesticide Applications that <u>Do</u> Require Reporting	Examples of Pesticide Applications that Do <u>Not</u> Require Reporting
<p><i>All applications by professional applicators</i></p> <p><i>All applications to agricultural crops</i></p> <p>Structural pest control (other than by a residential pesticide user), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termite, ant, and cockroach treatments • Building fumigation <p>Landscape maintenance (other than by a residential pesticide user), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawns • Gardens • Golf courses • Parks • Cemeteries <p>Road, rail, and utility rights of way, for purposes such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed control • Algae control <p>Mosquito control applications by mosquito abatement agencies</p> <p>Food product fumigation</p>	<p><i>All applications by non-professionals</i> (assuming application by non-professionals is legal)</p> <p>Incorporation of pesticides into consumer products, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood preservatives • Biocides in soaps, cleaning products, or impregnated into solid materials (e.g., cutting boards, toys, clothing) • Biocides incorporated in products to prevent the product's degradation (e.g., in sponges and liquid products) • Insecticide-treated clothing • Biocides in paints • Biocide-generating equipment (e.g., clothes washing machines that generate silver ions) <p>Swimming pool, spa, and fountain treatments, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algaecides • Biocides (e.g., chlorine) <p>Cooling water system treatment with biocides</p> <p>Use of biocides, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bleach use • Hospital and medical facility and equipment disinfection • Drinking water and wastewater disinfection <p>Pet flea treatments</p> <p>Marine antifouling paint application</p>

Source: TDC Environmental, based on review of California pesticide use reporting data, California pesticide products, and pesticide use reporting requirements in California law.

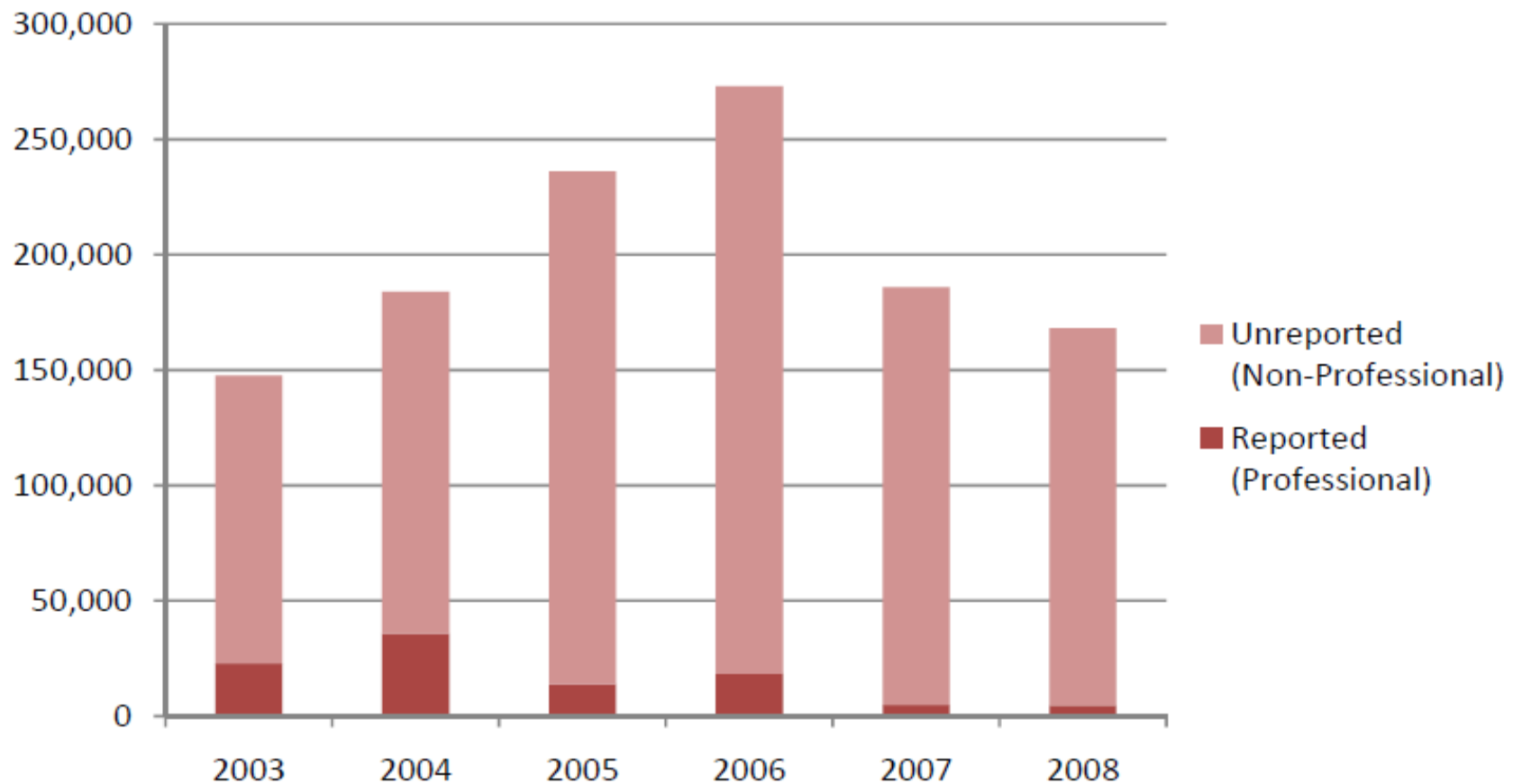
$$\text{Urban Use} \approx \text{Reported Urban Use} + \text{Statewide Over-the-Counter (OTC) Sales}$$

$$\text{Statewide OTC Sales} \approx \text{Statewide Sales} - \text{Statewide Reported Use}$$



Total urban carbaryl use was estimated on the basis of sales and reported use data using the method described in Section 2. Figure 18 summarizes estimated carbaryl urban use. Most estimated urban carbaryl use is unreported.

**Figure 18. California Estimated Carbaryl Urban Use 2003-2008
(Pounds of Pesticide Active Ingredient)**



Source: DPR pesticide sales data (DPR 2007a, 2007b, 2007c, 2008a, 2008b, 2010), DPR pesticide use reports (DPR 2005, 2006a, 2006b, 2007d, 2008c, 2009), and mathematical calculations (see Section 2).

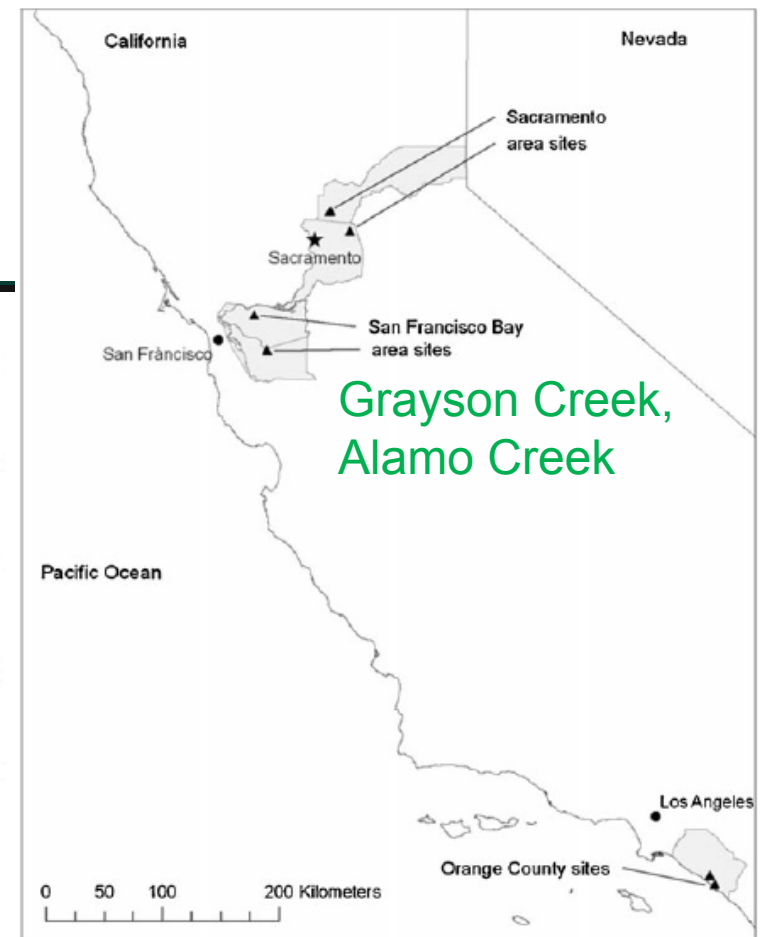
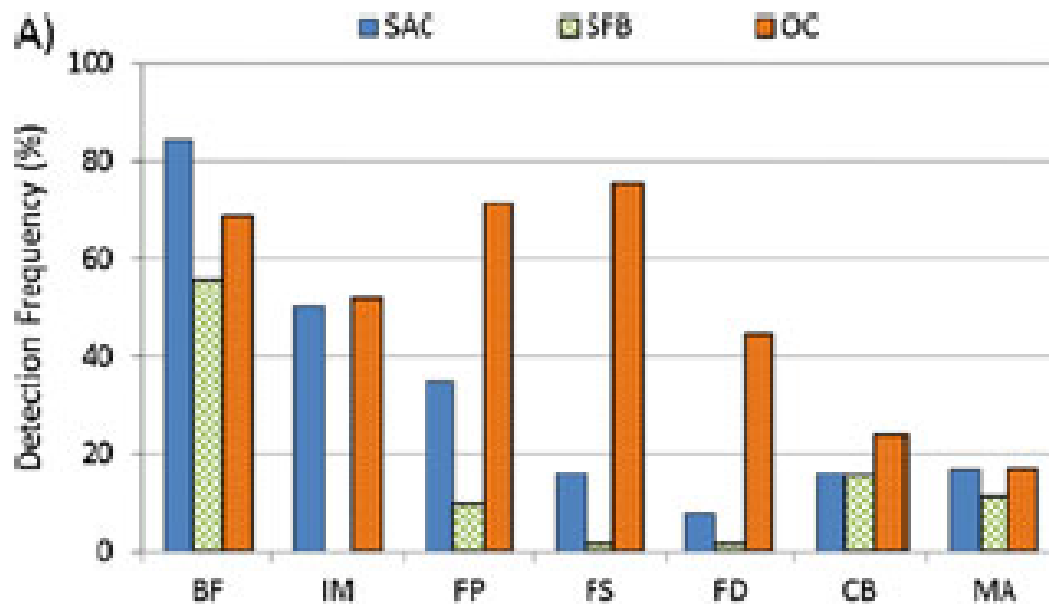
So What?

(Why Urban IPM?)

- Urban surface water contamination (w / pesticides) levels 2 – 3 X higher than surface water in production ag areas
 - Diazinon and chlorpyrifos (Bailey et al 2000)
 - Pyrethroids (Weston et al 2005; Amweg et al 2006)
 - Fipronil (Lin et al 2009)
 - Herbicides and insecticides: East Bay creeks: 2,4-D, triclopyr, diuron, MCPA, bifenthrin, fipronil, imidacloprid, carbaryl, malathion (Ensminger et al, 2012)

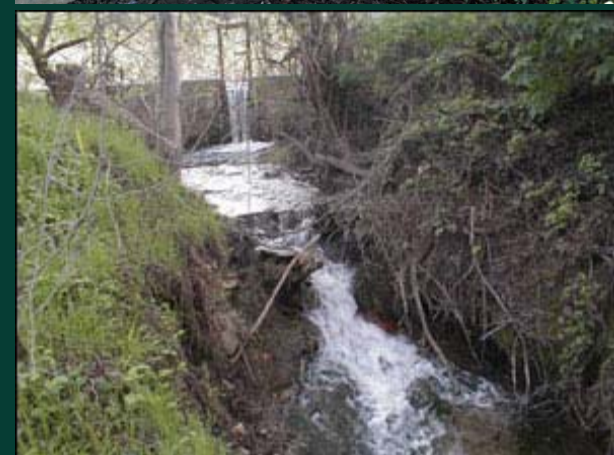
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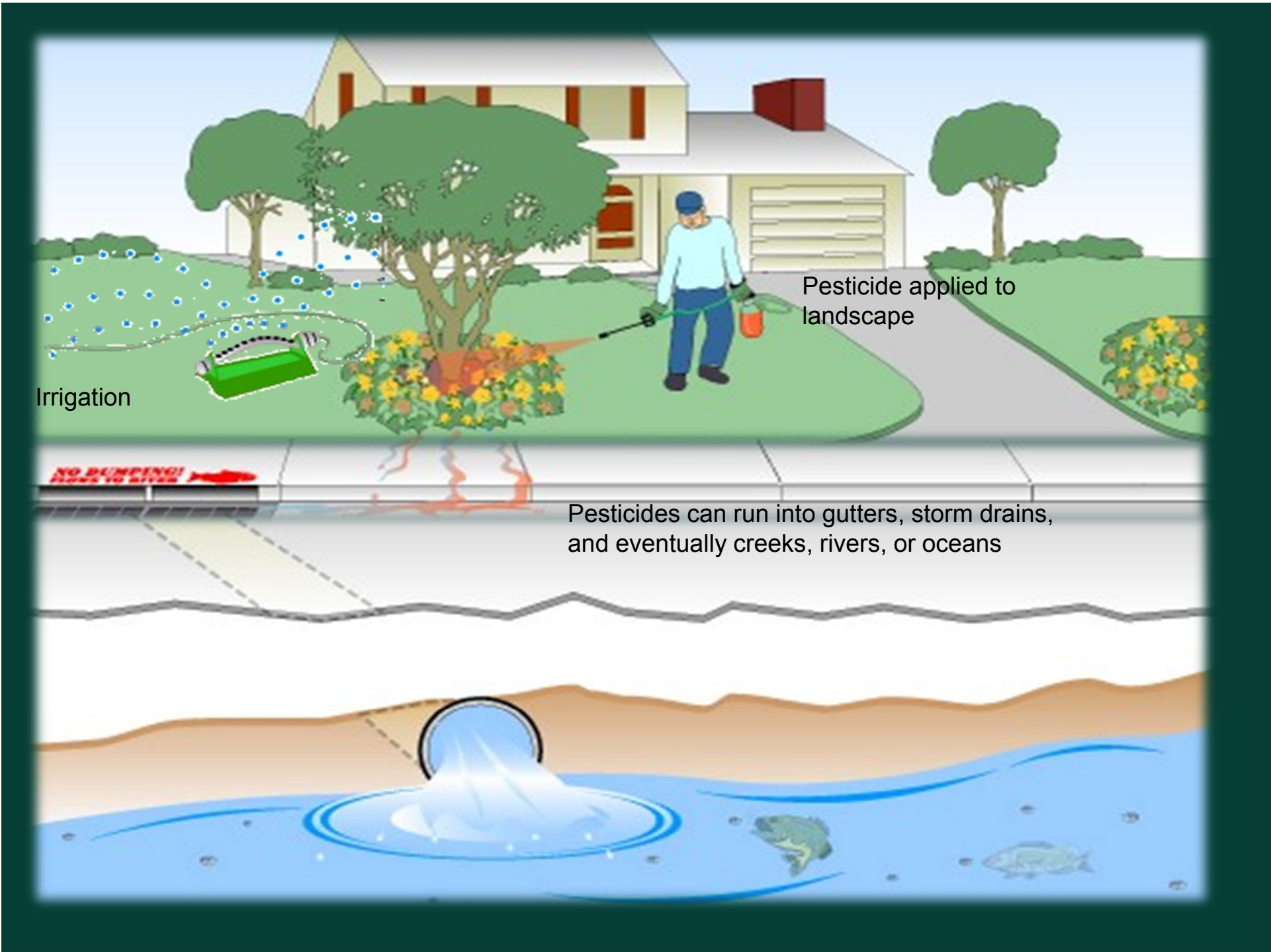
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Problems with pesticide use in urban areas

- Surface water, soil, groundwater contamination
- Human health concerns
- Disruption of ecosystem
- Economic costs
- Public perception





Pesticide applied to landscape

Irrigation

Pesticides can run into gutters, storm drains, and eventually creeks, rivers, or oceans









Problems with pyrethroids

- Most widely-used urban insecticides
- Market proliferation following regulations on organophosphates, carbamates
- Persistent (2nd gen resists photodegradation)
- Highly toxic to aquatic arthropods



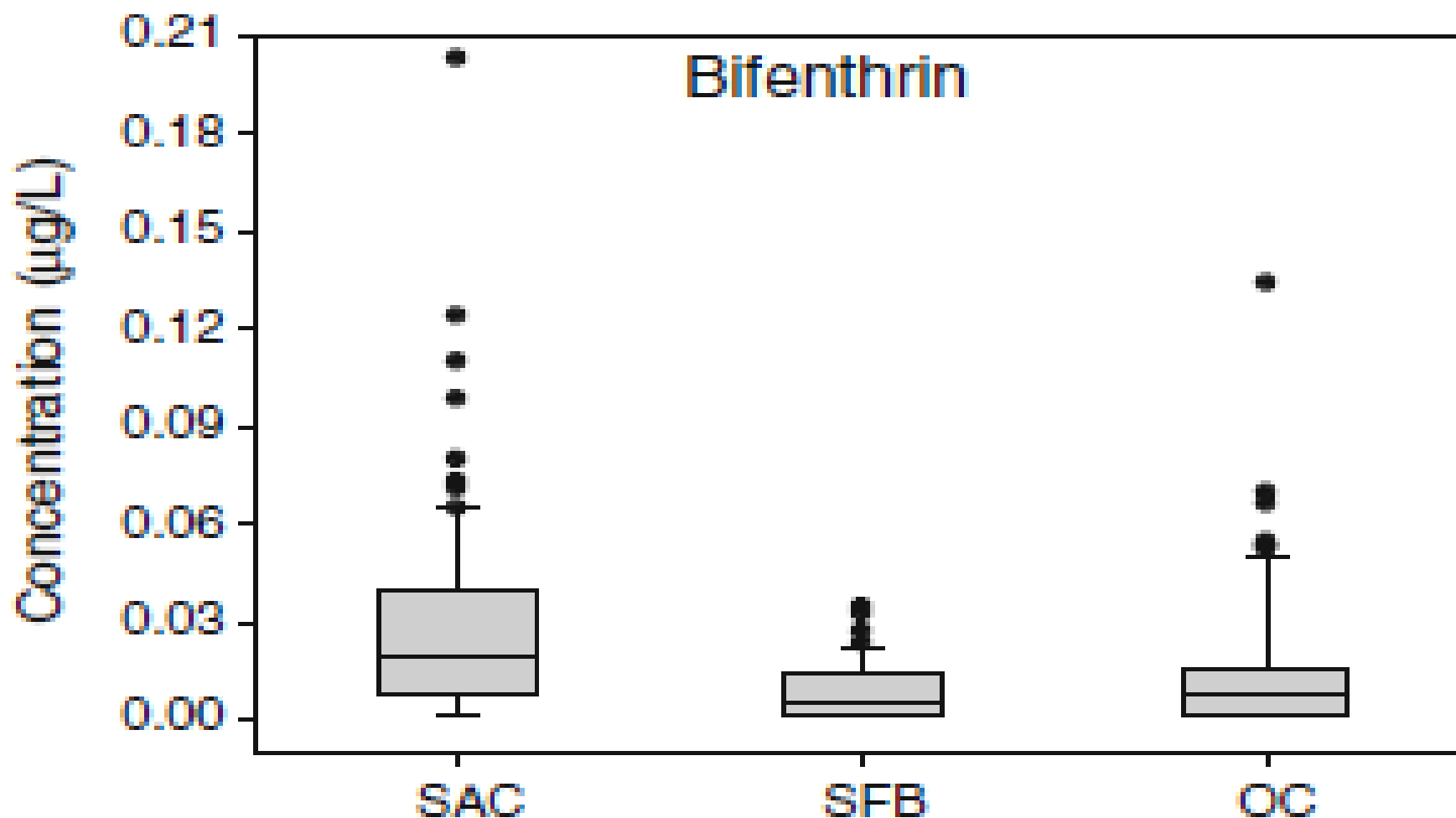
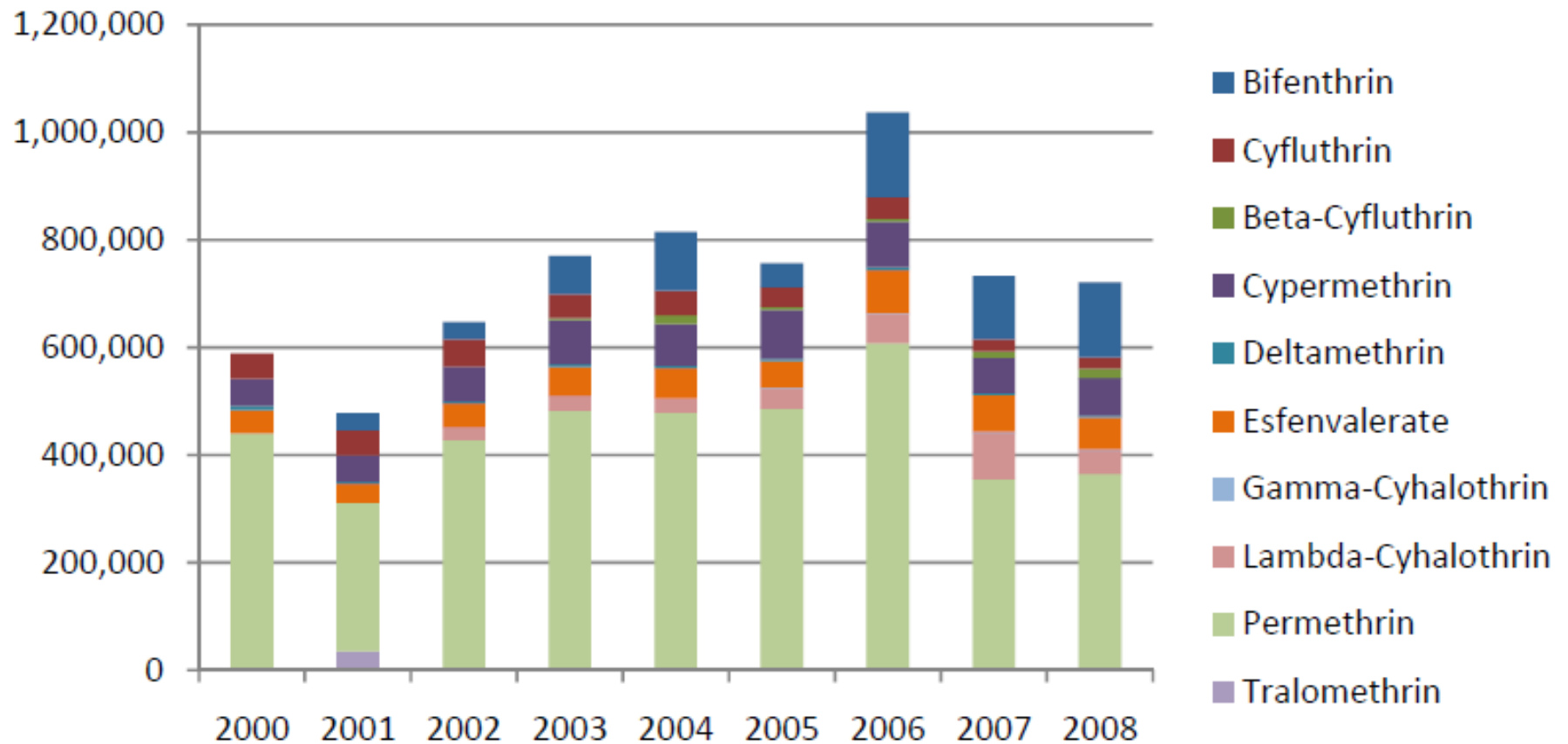


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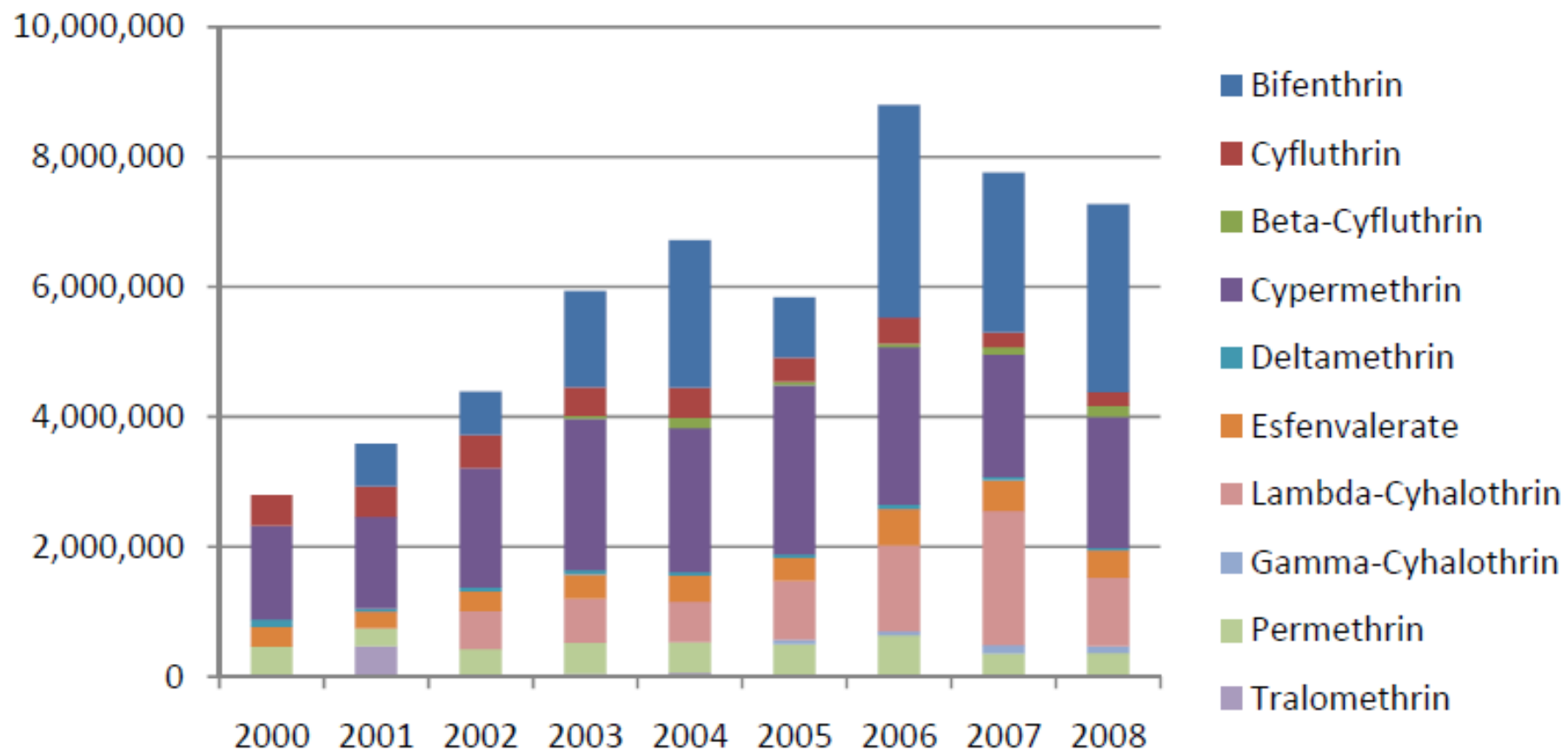
Analyte	RL ^a	Min BM ^b	Area	N	#>RL	Max Result	#>BM (%)
Bifenthrin	0.002, 0.005	0.0013	SAC	82	69	0.20	69 (84)
			SFB	43	24	0.04	24 (56)
			OC	79	54	0.13	54 (68)

**Figure 1. California Urban High-Use Pyrethroids Sales 2000-2008
(Pounds of Pesticide Active Ingredient)**



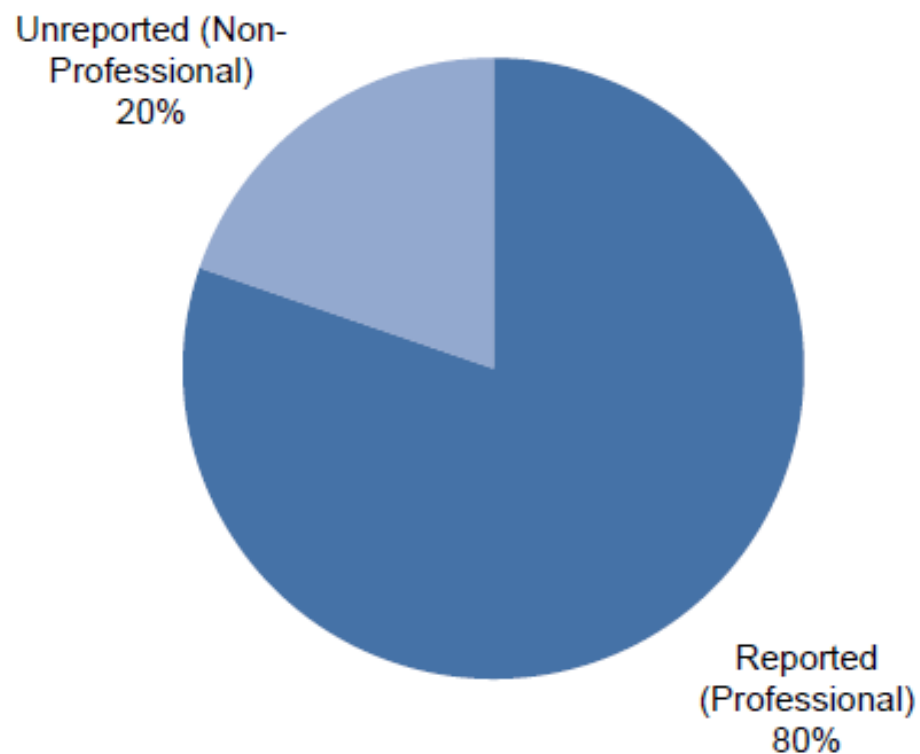
Source: DPR pesticide sales data (DPR 2002a, 2002b, 2003, 2007a, 2007b, 2007c, 2008a, 2008b, 2010). DPR's data include both agricultural and urban product sales.

**Figure 2. California Urban High-Use Pyrethroids Sales 2000-2008
(Expressed in Terms of Toxicity Using *Permethrin Equivalents*)**



Source: DPR pesticide sales data (DPR 2002a, 2002b, 2003, 2007a, 2007b, 2007c, 2008a, 2008b, 2010). Conversion to *permethrin equivalents* based on values in Table 3. DPR's data include both agricultural and urban product sales.

**Figure 14. California Bifenthrin Estimated Urban Use, 2007-2008 2-Year Average
(Pounds of Active Ingredient)**



Source: DPR pesticide sales data (DPR 2008b, 2010), DPR pesticide use reports (DPR 2008c, 2009), and mathematical calculations (see Section 2).

Effects of drought on urban surface water quality

- Evaporation concentrates contaminants
- Irrigation events may increase in volume, frequency
- Dust management efforts may increase other urban runoff events
 - Washing of vehicles in driveways
 - Driveway wash-offs, hose-downs
- Drought stress may predispose some plants to insect attack → pesticide apps.

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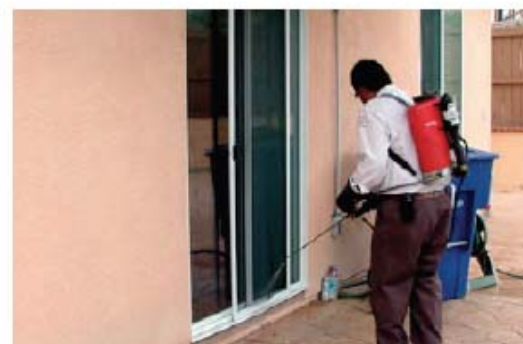
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New Restrictions on Pyrethroid Insecticide Applications Protect Urban Surface Waters

On July 19, California's Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) introduced new regulations for pyrethroid insecticide applications made in outdoor nonagricultural settings (California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Division 6, Sections 6000, 6970, and 6972: [http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/chapter .htm](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/chapter.htm)). The United States Environmental Protection

toxic to indicator species representing the small arthropods that make up the base of the aquatic food web. The new regulations address applications of 17 different active ingredients (Table 1; see Page 3) during rain, to standing water, to areas in close proximity to surface waters, and to horizontal and vertical impervious surfaces.



CDPR: New Regulations

- Introduced July 2012
- Enforced January 2013
- California Code of Regulations, Title 3, Division 6, Sections 6000, 6970, and 6972
- http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/calcode/chapter_.htm

Table 1. New Regulations Affecting Applications of Pyrethroid Insecticides.*

Active Ingredient	Some common trade names**
beta-cyfluthrin	some Bayer Advanced products
bifenthrin	Talstar, Allectus, Wisdom, Bisect
bioallethrin	various Wasp and Hornet Killer products
cyfluthrin	Tempo, some Bayer Advanced products
cypermethrin	Demon, Cynoff
deltamethrin	Deltagard, some Enforcer products, Ultratec
esfenvalerate	some Ortho Bug-B-Gone products
fenpropathrin	Tame
gamma-cyhalothrin	some Spectracide products, Optimate
lambda-cyhalothrin	Cyonara, Demand, Scimitar
permethrin	some Enforcer products, Permanone, Astro
phenothrin	Ace, Raid House and Garden Bug Killer
prallethrin	Black Flag Wasps Hornets Yellowjackets Scorpions
resmethrin	Orthonex, Prentox, Rosepride Systemic
S-bioallethrin	Ultratec
tau-fluvalinate	Mavrik, some Bayer Advanced products
tetramethrin	Ortho Hornet & Wasp Killer

* Subject to EPA's Nonagricultural Outdoor Labeling Notification of 2009 and DPR's July 19 regulations regarding nonagricultural applications.

** Containing these active ingredients and registered for landscape or structural use in California.

New Regulations: Prohibited Applications

- Any site during precipitation, except to the underside of eaves;
- Any surface with visible standing water (puddles) or within 25 feet of aquatic habitat located downhill from the application site; and
- Sewers, storm drains, curbside gutters, drainage grates, French drains, or dry creek beds at any time.

New Regulations: Restricted / Limited Applications

- Preconstruction termiticides: prohibited when ≤ 25 feet from aquatic habitat or when ≤ 10 feet from storm drain system
 - *when located downhill from application*
- To impervious surfaces: limited to pin streams, spot treatments
 - driveways, sidewalks, walls, foundations, fencing, doors, windows, etc.
- Perimeter applications to structures
 - *new limitations*

'Traditional Perimeter Sprays'

- Allowable under new regulations:
 - Vertical surfaces
 - Up to two feet above grade
 - Horizontal surfaces
 - Only if pervious
 - Soil, mulch, gravel, etc



Restricted / Limited Applications *continued*

- Broadcast applications to pervious surfaces; *turf, landscape, mulch, soil, gravel, etc.*
 - Liquid formulations: NOT within two feet of horizontal impervious surfaces
 - Granular applications: Ok next to impervious surfaces but MUST be swept off, back into treatment area



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Exempt Applications under New Regulations

- Injection: soil or structural materials: bricks, concrete, or wood
- Post-construction rod or trench termiticide application methods
- Applications to below-ground insect nests or nests made of mud or paper combs
- Applications of baits in weather-proof stations or gel baits
- Pesticide applications to receiving waters for which a permit has been issued under the Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the U.S. from Spray Applications, and Vector Control Applications
- Applications to the underside of eaves
- Foggers or aerosol applications



Essential Pyrethroids Information for Pest Control Professionals

New Label Requirements!

Professional pest control operators are now 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.

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Who We Are

The Pyrethroid Working Group (PWG) is an alliance of companies that manufacture pyrethroid insecticides. The industry has come together to address a wide range of issues specific to pyrethroids, a class of effective and widely used active ingredients for general pest and termite control. Click [here](#) to learn more about PWG member companies and links to their individual web pages tailored for Pest Management Professionals.

Why did we create this web site?

The Pyrethroid Working Group is dedicated to making available the most accurate, relevant and current information about pyrethroids. This site has been created especially for Pest Management Professionals as a way to keep them abreast of the latest research and regulatory issues involving pyrethroid insecticides.



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Alternative Approaches

- IPM Approaches
- Crack-and-crevice or pin-stream only (always allowed)
- Alternative materials???



IPM example: urban ants



- Indoor pest problem
 - Seal cracks, crevices; eliminate leaks
 - Proper sanitation and food storage
 - Liquid / gel bait stations



IPM example: urban ants

- Outdoor pest problem
 - Manage honeydew-producing pests
 - Exclude ants from honeydew
 - Sticky barriers
 - Liquid bait stations
 - Last resort: granular application



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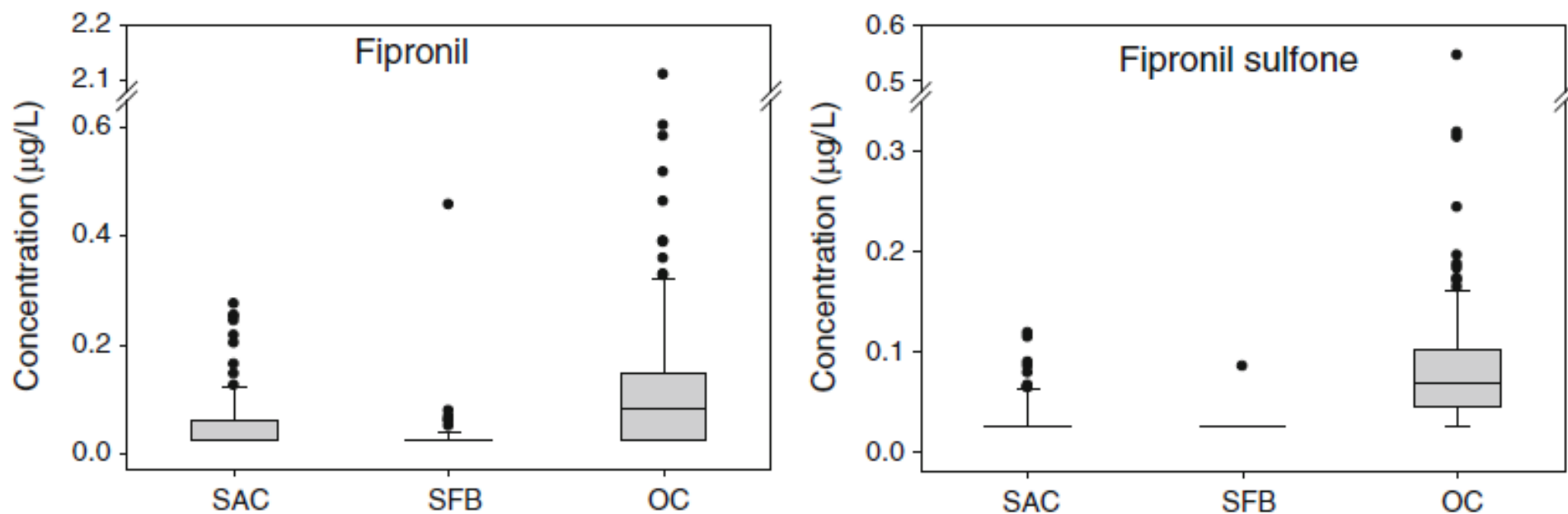


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			SFB	64	6	0.46	6 (9)
			OC	106	75	2.11	75 (71)
Fipronil sulfone	0.05	0.037	SAC	94	14	0.12	14 (15)
			SFB	64	1	0.09	1 (2)
			OC	106	80	0.55	80 (75)

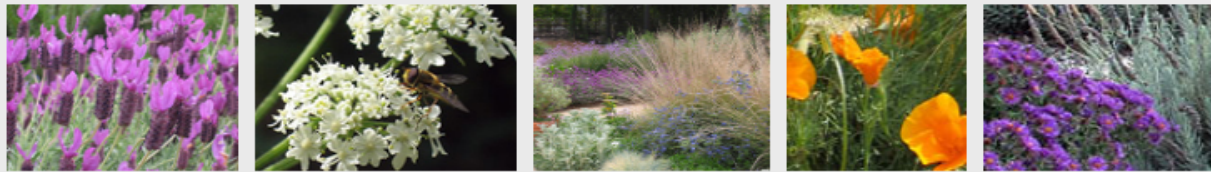
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Good news: IPM will remain viable approach in most cases



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Reduce irrigation.

Provide only as much water as the landscape requires [1] [2] [3] [4]. Most landscapes are given too much water and can flourish on less. Over-irrigation can actually predispose plants to other problems.

Prioritize the plants that will receive water.

During irrigation restrictions, select those plants that will receive the limited amounts of water available for irrigation. One way to determine this is to think about which plants can tolerate limited water [1] [2] or are more easily replaced. Lower priority plants may be removed from crowded areas to further conserve water.

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Pocket gophers, often called gophers, *Thomomys* species, are burrowing rodents that get their name from the fur-lined, external cheek pouches, or pockets, they use for carrying food and nesting materials. Pocket gophers are well equipped for a digging, tunneling lifestyle with their powerfully built forequarters; large-clawed front paws; fine, short fur that doesn't cake in wet soils; small eyes and ears; and highly sensitive facial whiskers that assist with moving about in the dark. A gopher's lips also are unusually adapted for their lifestyle; they can close them behind their four large incisor teeth to keep dirt out of their mouths when using their teeth for digging.

IDENTIFICATION

Five species of pocket gophers are found in California, with Botta's pocket gopher, *T. bottae*, being most widespread. Depending on the species, they are 6 to 10 inches long. For the most part, gophers remain underground in their burrow system, although you'll sometimes see them feeding at the edge of an open burrow, pushing dirt out of a burrow, or moving to a new area.

Mounds of fresh soil are the best sign of a gopher's presence. Gophers form mounds as they dig tunnels and push the loose dirt to the surface. Typically mounds are crescent or horseshoe shaped when viewed from above. The hole, which is off to one side of the mound, usually is plugged. Mole mounds are sometimes mistaken for gopher mounds. Mole mounds, however, are more circular and have a plug in the middle that might not be distinct; in profile they are volcano-shaped. Unlike gophers, moles commonly burrow just beneath the surface, leaving a raised ridge to mark their path.

One gopher can create several mounds in a day. In nonirrigated areas, mound building is most pronounced during spring or fall when the soil is moist and easy to dig. In irrigated areas such as lawns, flower beds, and gardens, digging conditions usually are optimal year round, and mounds can appear at any time. In snowy



Adult pocket gopher, *Thomomys* species



Top view of a pocket gopher mound.

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Key to Identifying Common Household Ants

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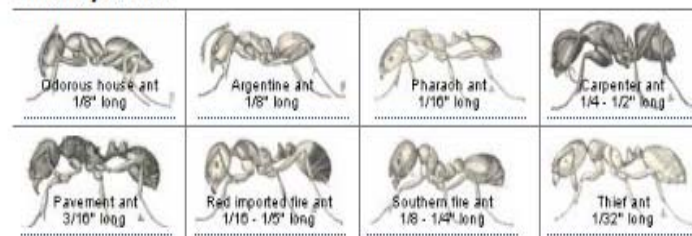
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Neonicotinoid Insecticide Use Under Increasing Scrutiny

Tight new regulations being imposed by European Union authorities and a widely publicized mass die-off of native pollinators in Oregon (see page 3) have recently brought neonicotinoids to the public's attention. Neonicotinoid insecticides are increasingly being scrutinized by regulators and the public alike throughout the world.

First developed in the late 1980s, neonicotinoids represented the first new class of insecticides in over 50 years. They are nervous-system toxins widely used in agricultural, horticultural, veterinary, and structural settings for broad-spectrum management of pest insects. Desirable qualities such as reduced toxicity to humans and pets (as compared to some organophosphates and carbamates) and systemic activity in plants led to rapid and widespread use. Imidacloprid, the first neonicotinoid developed, is now the most widely-used insecticide in the world. (See Table 1 for other active ingredients and common product names.)

From the beginning, it was recognized that foliar applications of neonicotinoids were quite broad in activity and would have negative impacts on beneficial insects. However, the high water-solubility and environmental persistence of neonicotinoids meant that applications



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Date: February 21, 2013

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Thanks!...Questions?

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