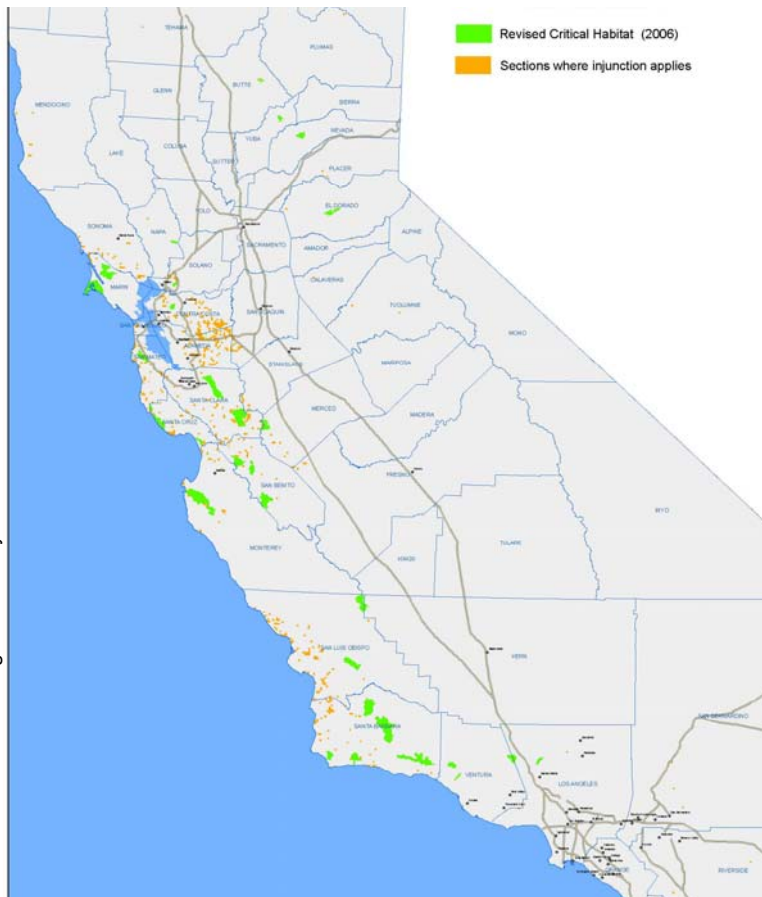


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Red Legged Frog: Pesticide Use Limited in Areas of Known or Suspected Habitat

On October 20, 2006, the Federal District Court for the Northern District of California issued a Stipulated Injunction that settles a dispute between the Center for Biological Diversity and

EPA alleging that EPA was in violation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) when it registered and approved the use of 66 pesticides. The injunction results in the following:

- Approximately 40,000 Acres in 33 Counties are affected
- Restrictions on the use of 66 pesticides that include:
 - No ground applications of the 66 pesticides within 60 ft of RLF habitat
 - No aerial applications of the 66 pesticides within 200 ft of RLF habitat
- Exceptions to these rules include:
 - Public Health Vector Control Programs
 - Invasive Species and Noxious Weed Programs
 - If used, only spot treatment can be done and no treatment within 15 ft of habitat
- Four (4) of the restricted pesticides are registered for aquatic use in CA (glyphosate, triclopyr, 2,4-D and Imazapyr)

The injunction requires that the EPA make “effects determinations” for the 66 pesticides on a tiered schedule over the next three years. The first group of ten pesticides will be evaluated in the next nine months. Which pesticides comprise this first group is not yet known. If EPA determines that use of one of the pesticides affects the RLF, the Agency must initiate a lengthy consultation process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Not until the USFWS consultation process is complete will the future use of this group of 66 pesticides be known.

Details can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/espp/stipulated-injunction.htm>

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