- DPR Brown Bag Lunch -
"Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour"

At this special noontime presentation, Kathy Kramer will discuss how the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, held in May each year, educates participants about conserving water, reducing pesticide use, and planting for pollinators and beneficial insects.
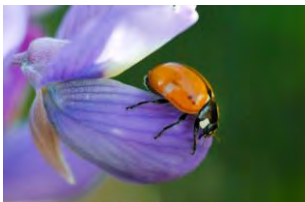
Launched in 2005, the free, self-guided garden tour attracts more than 6,000 people annually. The tour includes more than 30 gardens in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and features mostly native plants.

AGENDA
Wednesday, August 17 | 11: 45 a.m. | 1001 I Street, Sacramento
Klamath Training Room, 2nd floor
http://bit.ly/2aIfq5k

11:45 a.m.	*Registration, Sign-In*
12:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction: Brian Leahy, Director Department of Pesticide Regulation
12:05 p.m.	Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour—Kathy Kramer, Tour Founder and Coordinator
12:45 p.m.	Questions
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn

About Kathy Kramer

For 25 years, Kathy Kramer has worked to protect Northern California watersheds, creating award-winning education programs. Kathy earned a bachelor's degree from CSU Long Beach in marine biology and worked for the San Francisco Estuary Institute. In 1987, she founded the Aquatic Outreach Institute—still going strong today as the Watershed Project—and established its successful teacher-training workshops, Kids in Creeks and Kids in Gardens. She served as executive director until 2003 and then developed successful community-based programs such as Friends of Sausal Creek, where volunteers replaced overgrown ivy choking the creek's bank with California native plants.

Kathy's programs have earned wide recognition and a number of awards, including DPR's IPM Innovator Award in 2005 and 2010. Kathy also received the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award, the National Wetlands Award for Education and Outreach, National Wildlife Federation's Education and Outreach Award, and the Bay Area Jefferson Award.

For more information about the tour, go to: http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/