## **Ecological Aquascaping to Prevent Invasive Aquatic Plant Introductions: How Water Gardeners can Protect the Bay-Delta**

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- 1. Trends in the water garden and aquascaping industry
- 2. Habitat value of aquatic/wetland plants
- 3. Importance of aquatic plant selection for your water garden
- 4. What is an invasive aquatic plant?
- 5. Ecological and economic impacts of invasive aquatic plants on waterways
- 6. The Dirty Dozen aquatic/wetland plants common in the horticultural trade
- 7. Spread prevention tips for water gardeners and pond owners
- 8. Spread prevention tips for aquatic nursery and landscape professionals
- 9. State and federal regulatory issues relating to the sale, cultivation and introduction of invasive aquatic plants
- 10. Cooperative outreach efforts with the nursery/horticulture industry
- 11. Contacts/websites for more information on invasive aquatic plants
- 12. Hands-on aquatic plant identification session with live native and non-native plants commonly found in the Bay-Delta
- 13. Ouestion and Answer period