

Appointed by the Keep California Beautiful (KCB) Board of Directors in April 2007, Ms. Christine Flowers brings a wealth of experience and skills to the organization.

Her career experience spans over 27 years in community outreach and environmental education including curriculum development, grant writing and implementation; as well as working with various entities to implement source reduction and recycling programs. She holds a B.S. in Biology, a B.S. in Liberal Arts with a Minor in Health Sciences, a M. S in Biological Sciences, and a M.ED in Secondary Science Curriculum Development; all from University of Central Florida. She has also completed post baccalaureate work at Citrus County Marine Institute, Newfound Harbor Marine Institute, The Living Seas, and University of Northern Iowa. In 1985, Ms Flowers began her career in education, teaching high school in Orlando, Florida; eventually becoming the Environmental Technology Program Director at Valencia College. From 1990- 2004, as a professor of biology, she held positions at Valencia College, Washington College and Shasta College. Prior to joining KCB, she was a staff scientist with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), acting as the Market Development Program Coordinator for the Plastic Recycling Technologies Section and as a liaison for local government staff in the Office of Local Assistance.

As part of her professional development in education she participated on advisory committees related to sustainability at the local, regional, state and national level; pollution prevention and environmental technology training with EPA Region 9 Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network; and environmental education projects with the Advanced Technology Environmental and Energy Center (ATEEC) as a Fellow and a Quality Assurance Team Member. ATEEC is a national center that promotes and supports environmental and energy technology education to address the needs of the national and global workforce. While on sabbatical through an interagency agreement from 2002-2004, she assisted CIWMB by developing sustainable building virtual training, furthering and developing new strategic partnerships, integrating high performance school facilities with environmental education curriculum, participating in Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) specification development and coordinating CIWMB outreach to support sustainable building efforts among California State Universities, University of California and California Community Colleges. She continues to teach and work with future leaders as an adjunct professor in the Environmental Studies Program at California State University, Sacramento.