Ms Linda Adams was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in May 2006 as Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency – making her the first woman to serve as head of the agency. During her time as Secretary, Adams served as lead negotiator on AB 32 – the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and is now working closely with states, provinces and countries to reduce the effects of global warming. She launched the Green Chemistry Initiative and the State’s biomonitoring programme, and has also made air and water quality a top priority. Adams has dedicated more than 32 years of public service to California and earned an ‘Environmental Hero Award’ from the California League of Conservation Voters. She is Chair of the Climate Action Reserve and is an Ambassador for Oxfam America’s ‘Sisters on the Planet’ initiative. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Local Conservation Corps and is a long-time resident of Sacramento.