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Kirsten James is the director of California policy and partnerships at Ceres. She leads strategy development for Ceres's California-focused policy work. She engages companies and investors in support of public policies that call for sustainable water management, clean energy and greenhouse gas emissions reductions in California. Kirsten manages the Ceres Connect the Drops campaign, which showcases the strong leadership of California companies and policymakers to advance resilient water solutions that ensure better management of the state's water supplies. She also works to expand Ceres' visibility and partnerships in California.

Kirsten is a regular blogger, providing commentary on California water policy and corporate water stewardship. In her personal capacity, she serves as a board member on the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters.

Prior to Ceres, Kirsten worked for nine years at the Santa Monica-based environmental group, Heal the Bay. She served as their Science and Policy Director, leading the organization's efforts related to statewide and regional water quality and water supply policy and regulation. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree in environmental science and management from the Bren School at University of California Santa Barbara.