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County Parks Director Named Chief Operating Officer

(Santa Ana, CA) — County Executive Officer Michael B. Giancola has selected Mark R. Denny, currently Director of OC Parks, to become the County's first Chief Operating Officer effective July 5, 2013.

"Mark's ten years of experience with the County of Orange will be invaluable in his role as Chief Operating Officer," said Giancola. "The Chief Operating Officer will provide direct supervision over all appointed County agencies and departments, ensuring consistency in direction and aiding in the development of coordinated strategies to implement County goals."

Denny has served as Director of OC Parks since April 2008, with responsibilities for developing and managing an annual budget in excess of \$100 million. During his tenure, he facilitated the largest real estate transaction in Orange County history, the donation to the County of 20,000 acres of open space that was part of the historic Irvine Ranch. Denny first joined the County in February 2003, serving as Chief of Staff to then Third District Supervisor Bill Campbell. His private sector management experience includes positions with Allergan, Inc., the American Watercraft Association and as a public affairs consultant.

A graduate of California State University, Fullerton, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, Denny currently serves as President of the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials and represents the County on the Board of the Nature Reserve of Orange County, where he is the President and Executive Committee Chair. Denny is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties. He is a graduate of the Orange County Sheriff's Reserve Level III Academy and the Orange County Leadership Academy.

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