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## **New Director Appointed for County Waste and Recycling Department**

**Santa Ana, Calif.** – Tom Koutroulis has been appointed to the position of Director of Waste & Recycling (OCWR) for the County of Orange. Koutroulis was selected following a nationwide search and a competitive recruitment process.

Koutroulis has dedicated his professional life to the waste industry and has more than 25 years of experience in a variety of roles. He has spent the last 13 years of his career in leadership roles with Waste Management, Inc. and most recently served as the Senior Manager for Organics Project Development. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Irvine and a Master of Business Administration in Technology Management and Implementation from the University of Phoenix.

“Tom’s experience and commitment to this industry will bring invaluable expertise to the County,” said Chairwoman Michelle Steel, Second District Supervisor.

OCWR serves the County’s solid waste disposal needs by providing waste management services, operating public landfills, protecting the local environment, investing in renewable energy enterprises and promoting recycling in order to ensure a safe and healthy community for current and future generations. The department manages one of the nation’s premier solid waste disposal systems, serving residents and businesses in the County’s 34 cities and unincorporated areas. OCWR’s three active landfills reflect environmental engineering at its best. They are among the largest in the state and annually receive more than 4 million tons of solid waste. Learn more by visiting the OCWR website at [www.oclangfills.com](http://www.oclangfills.com).

“I look forward to joining the great team at OC Waste & Recycling as the director and working with our community partners to achieve our goals,” said Koutroulis.

Koutroulis will assume his role on July 21, 2017.

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