



## Waste Management Hosts Sixth Annual Executive Sustainability Forum

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*Waste Management to Gather Hundreds of Key Leaders during the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open to Discuss Sustainability and 'The Circular Economy'*

PHOENIX--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 7, 2016-- Waste Management (NYSE: WM) will host hundreds of corporate leaders from global companies, representatives from municipalities across the country, experts, innovators and influencers, on Feb. 4, 2016 at the sixth annual Executive Sustainability Forum in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The day-long event will feature renowned speakers and panel discussions offering perspectives on the sustainability of recycling and the circular economy.

"The topic of the sustainability of recycling is one that has garnered a great deal of attention over the past few years. It's a topic deserving of conversation and collaboration to find solutions so that, working together, we can ensure that recycling is sustainable – both economically and environmentally – over the long term," said Waste Management president and chief executive officer, David Steiner.

"This year's Sustainability Forum steps right into that conversation and the broader topic of the circular economy, with first-class speakers who will offer thought-provoking, candid commentary and real-world insight into best practices surrounding the challenges faced along the value chain," he said.

Speaking at the 2016 Executive Sustainability Forum are:

- **Adam Minter**, author and columnist at *Bloomberg*;
- **John Tierney**, author and *New York Times* science writer;
- **Peter Zeihan**, Geopolitical strategist, global affairs expert and author of *The Accidental Superpower*;
- **David Allaway**, senior policy analyst at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality;
- **Jeff Wooster**, global sustainability director for the Dow Chemical Company;
- **Jim Hanna**, director of environmental impact for Starbucks, and
- **Keefe Harrison**, executive director of The Recycling Partnership.

Discussions will be moderated by **Dana Perino**, former White House Press Secretary and now co-host of *The Five* on Fox News Channel, and **Meghan Stasz**, senior director of the Grocery Manufacturers Association.

### Registration

For event details and registration information, visit [www.wm.com/2016sustainabilityforum](http://www.wm.com/2016sustainabilityforum) or call 713-328-7517. Pre-registration is mandatory and space is limited so Waste Management recommends that guests register early.

### The Waste Management Phoenix Open

Waste Management's Executive Sustainability Forum will be held during the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open tournament week. The Waste Management Phoenix Open (Feb. 1 - Feb. 7, 2016) has become a major platform for highlighting Waste Management's sustainability initiatives, including the Four Rs – reduce, reuse, recycle and recover. Since 2013, Waste Management has diverted 100% of tournament waste away from landfills by reducing, reusing, recycling, composting or turning it into energy. The company continues to improve the tournament's sustainability efforts and results through the collective efforts of everyone working together, taking action and doing things differently. The Waste Management Phoenix Open is not only the largest, most-attended tournament on the PGA TOUR, it is also the largest verified zero waste event worldwide.

### ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).

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