



TRRG

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

April 29, 2017



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Last year's TRRG Annual Meeting-Improving Code Enforcement selected as our second priority for 2016-17
- COT budget cuts & consolidation of CE with ES, July 1 (net savings, \$200,000)
- Ruth let Ortega, M&C know TRRG concerns and that we were ready to assist-letters, emails, call to audience!

- TRRG invited 9 / 19 to meet Carlos De La Torre, hired as Interim Director for EGSD. Pat Tapia and Albert Elias also in attendance. CE has a home!
- TRRG interest in research Steve K. initiated on Mesa Code Enforcement success resulted in a TRRG-Ward 6 co-sponsored meeting 9 / 22

- October 24th follow-up meeting at Ward 6-continued discussion of Mesa Model & what Tucson CE could use to successfully enforce Chapter 16. NPO.
 - CE-ES Staff traveled to Mesa.
 - Mr. Ortega and Mr. Rankin attended-promise of answers to unanswered question

- December CE move to home at Price Service Center-trucks, tools & laptops.
- Steve K's 1/18/17 frustration letter to everyone- 3 months of no response
- Hearing officers (Charter, County)?
- Citations & fines for repeat offenders?
- Rules for CE in the field?

- TRRG-CE Committee January 2017
Position Paper, “Code Enforcement
Responsibilities, Reassignment to
Departments”
- Steve K. & Ruth meeting 1 / 23 / 17-
Ortega, Rankin, Albert Elias and Carlos
very productive

- Carlos will be assigning specific enforcement people to trying cases who will be trained in how to prepare and present a case
- Carlos will also be assigning specific enforcement people to UDC sorts of issues- skill set is different than what's needed for NPO issues

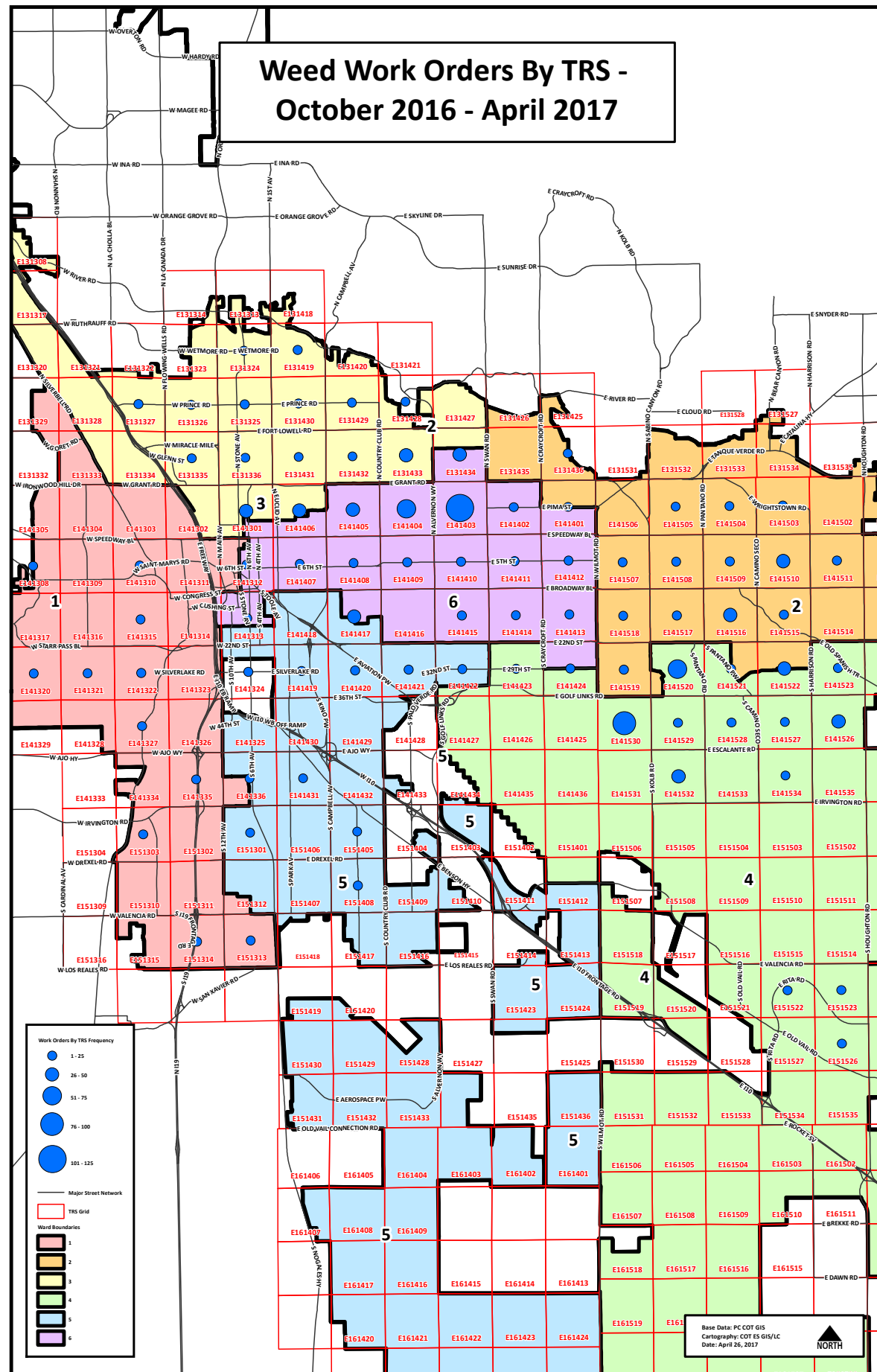
- Carlos will be enlisting the help of TRRG in revising their policy manual - that which will guide the field activities, liberty, discretion of the code enforcers.
- Rankin will advise on increasing fines, going straight to citation on 2nd violations, and other legal parts of what may be included in the policy

- Wyneken retirement 2 / 3, Eventual Admin to oversee CE functions with ES Customer Service-ES funded
- Kris appointment to ESAC and Waste Diversion, Collections, and Education Subcommittee-first meeting 2 / 9
- 2 / 21 meeting with EGSD to initiate and review Draft CE Manual for training

Good News

- Hiring of temp employees to input and close cases in Permits-Plus
- Weed Protocol instituted 10/16-to date:
 - 1113 “Weed Letters” sent out
 - 637 complied (57%)
 - 476 sent to CE (39)%
 - Another 99 cases are work in progress

Weed Work Orders By TRS - October 2016 - April 2017



- Code Enforcement Manual intended to streamline admin. timelines and achieve consistency in procedures
- Assign certain CE Inspectors to handle all court cases and procedures
- Insource all CE abatement related to weeds, excessive vegetation, outdoor storage to expedite abatement.

- Other work in Progress:
- Using Community Service Officers (CSO) in investigation and enforcement of graffiti, JMV and weeds (summer 2017)
- Work with City Courts to assign Special CE Magistrates as CE moves to issue more citations

- New flier!



- Environmental Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) recognizes that CE is a new service that ES will be providing to the Community
- Area Utility companies interested in collaborating with City to develop a couple of videos regarding need to maintain properties, alleyways, and rights-of-ways (complete by summer)

- Participating and committed-
TFD,TPD,TEP,SWG,Century
Link,Tucson Water, ES
- AND FINALLY.....The Arizona Dept
of Corrections, Illegal Dumping
Program implemented late 11 / 16-to
date 1239 cases reported and 1229
abated

