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Significant Changes to the Code Enforcement Department

Organizational changes within Code Enforcement have required that the Department downsize from a district office model to a regional office model. Prior to the consolidation, offices were located within each of the elected Board of Supervisors' geographical districts. Code Enforcement closed two locations and will utilize three existing offices as regional offices. The Riverside office, once located at the County Administration Center on the 9th floor, has moved to the West County office that remains on Cajalco Rd. near Lake Matthews. The French Valley office, once located at the French Valley Airport, has moved to the Mid County office that remains on S. Grand Ave. in San Jacinto. There were no changes to the East County area; the office remains in Palm Desert at the same location on El Duna Ct. The transition occurred at the end of June. Code Enforcement apologizes for not providing ample notice of the changes. The Department's goals, vision, and mission have not changed and it is committed to providing the best service possible. Thank you for your support! **To verify which district your community is a part of, please see page 4 or go to our website: www.rctlma.org/ce**



Caravan to Cultivation ~ District 3

On Monday, June 5, 2017, Riverside County Code Enforcement officers accompanied Riverside County Sheriff's Department investigators and deputies from the Hemet station in the service of several search warrants in the unincorporated Riverside County community of Anza. The warrants were related to illegal outdoor marijuana cultivation. At each of the target properties, Code officers observed multiple violations of Uniform Building Codes and violations of local ordinances, including substandard electrical conditions, which pose a significant threat to life safety. With limited exemptions from enforcement, marijuana cultivation is not lawful in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Notices were generated and posted at each of the properties for the violations observed. Over the course of the morning's activities over 10,000 plants were seized by Sheriff's personnel. By building relationships within the community, partnering with the Sheriff's Department, and other County agencies, Riverside County Code Enforcement is committed to protecting the public's safety and the quality of life within each community it serves.

The East Side ~ District 4

Just east of the Coachella Valley lies a vast stretch of freeway, leading to the beautiful communities of Desert Center and Ripley. The ride may be long, but the desert views can be breathtaking. Recently, the Code Enforcement Department was able to focus on several old, dilapidated structures that had been deemed a health and safety hazard and blight within these communities. With the dedication of one of its stellar officers, Rusty Hannah, the structures have been fulling removed. It is hoped that residents in these communities are enjoying the needed improvements.



Quick Resolution ~ District 2

Code Enforcement Technician (CET) Carol Lucero observed an inoperable vehicle parked over a water drainage course. She made contact with the property owner and explained in detail the violation and how to correct it. CET Lucero went on further to educate the person about the potential for oil and fluids to enter into the storm drain system. The vehicle was removed in two days. A subsequent drive-by a month later showed the vehicle had not returned.





All In a Day's Work ~ District 5

On Friday, June 16, 2017, Riverside County Code Enforcement officers from the Mid County office in San Jacinto accompanied Riverside County Sheriff's Department investigators in the service of a search warrant related to illegal outdoor marijuana cultivation in the unincorporated Riverside County community of Nuevo. Notices were generated and posted at the property for



the violations observed. Over the course of the afternoon's activities, over 500 plants and several pounds of processed material were seized by Sheriff's personnel. This is another example of Riverside County Code Enforcement staff partnering with other agencies to make a difference in the communities it serves.

Vendors Beware ~ District 1

Roadside vending is a serious offense and not one that is taken lightly. The most common concerns are that the source of the food cannot be verified. Noncommercial practices and equipment are often used, and vendors rarely have food safety knowledge. Typically, vendors are left isolated at locations without restrooms and hand washing facilities. There are increased risks of contamination and the potential for food-borne illnesses are not worth it. Legitimate businesses are undermined by these types of operations. Do your part. Report vendors, vending locations, and vending activities. Officers conduct patrols like the one shown in the recent photo, but need your help with identifying locations to maximize efficiency.



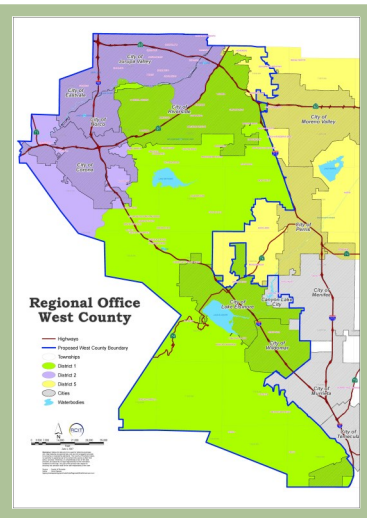
Families Well Being Comes First ~ District 2

Code Enforcement received a complaint in District 2 of construction without permit - room additions and garage conversion at this residence (pictured to the left). Code Enforcement conducted an inspection and found the detached garage had been remodeled to living space, and the residence had been altered from a 2-bedroom/1-bathroom to a 4-bedroom/2-bathroom. There were multiple tenants renting out rooms within the residence. The property owner was issued a Notice of Violation for the construction without permit violations, as well as accumulated rubbish and excessive outside storage. The various tenants were vacated through a legal eviction process, and the property was cleaned. The property owner had two options: obtain the required permits to demolish the unpermitted construction and take it back to its original form or obtain the required permits and make the construction lawful. The case remains open pending a final inspection from Riverside County Building and Safety Department for the garage conversion, additions, and alterations to the structure. These types of cases are becoming more common and Code Enforcement is vital in addressing these Health and Safety issues and preserving the quality of life for County of Riverside residents.



Grab a Brush and Let's Clean Up! ~ District 3

During the month of June, Riverside County Code Enforcement officers assigned to the Mid-County office in San Jacinto joined forces with staff from the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, Riverside County Transportation Department, Supervisor Chuck Washington's office, and personnel from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Hemet Station. Their mission was to clean up the area under the State St. bridge at Soboba Rd. in the Gilman Hot Springs area. On Thursday and Friday June 8th and 9th, the departments of Waste Resources and Transportation provided equipment and crews, who picked up and removed trash and debris that had accumulated over the years. On Saturday, June 17, 2017, Code Enforcement officers, personnel from the Sheriff's Department - Hemet Station, and volunteers from Golden Era Productions covered up graffiti using paint, brushes, and rollers provided by the Department of Waste Resources. Their joint efforts resulted in the removal of a public health and attractive nuisance, benefiting the environment and surrounding communities.



West County Office

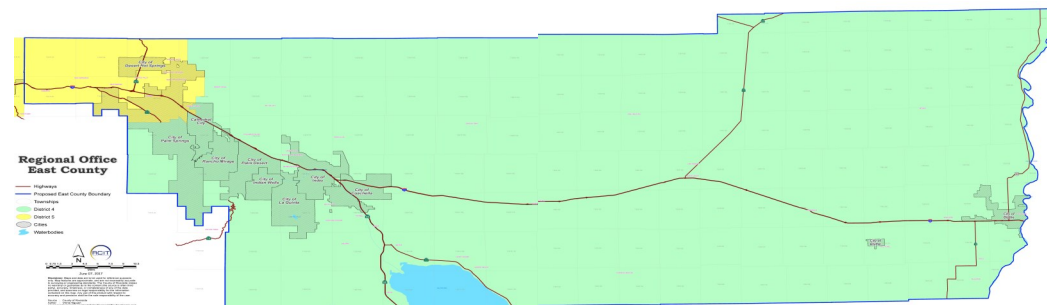
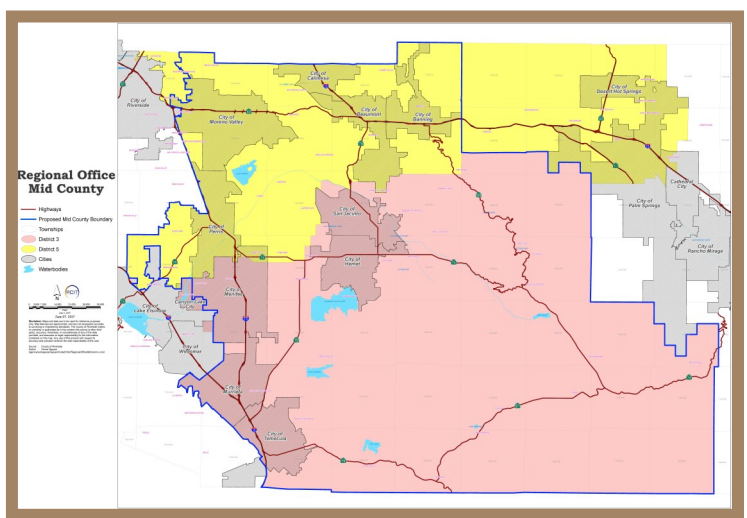
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