

TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, November 8, 2021: 10:00- 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and introductions | INFO |
| Robert Goldenpenny (CalRecycle), Sara Marshall (City of El Cajon), Alyssa Wagner (City of Carlsbad), AVECITA Jones (City of Carlsbad), Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Rimga Viskanta (City of Solana Beach), Kayla Thomson (SD Food Bank), Ofelia Andrade (City of Coronado), Sean Harris (City of San Marcos), Annika Andersen (City of Oceanside), Heather Heckman (City of La Mesa), Jeanne Patton (City of San Diego), Samantha Bohl, Sarah Feteih (SDFSA), Geertje Grootenhuis (SDFSA), Nita Kurmins Gilson (ProduceGood), Jackie Bookstein (Solana Center), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Tyla Soylu (Ekolojik), Kate Garrett (Feeding SD), Claire Moss (County of San Diego), Stephanie Ewalt (County of San Diego), Natalia King (County of San Diego), Caitlin Lelles (County of San Diego) | |
| 2. Public Comments & Communications (<i>Guests who wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda may do so during this period</i>) | INFO |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solana Center – 2 upcoming webinars on residential food waste reduction. On Nov 16 (City of Encinitas) and on Dec 2 (County of San Diego). Schools in Poway USD (in unincorp) setting up food rescue.• SDFSA – Inaugural Gathering for Food Vision 2030 on Oct 22. Located at Coastal Roots Farm in Encinitas. Sold out event. Need for connections and networks regionally, infrastructure, and planning. SDFSA + Solana Center + RSWA cities hosting Tier 1 and 2 generator requirements webinars (1 this morning, 1 upcoming). Upcoming will have live Spanish translation. Packet of resources for RSWA cities. TBD if other jurisdictions can sit in on upcoming webinar. Will be posted after the event online for all to see. | |
| 3. SB 1383 – Rollout roundtable | INFO + Discussion |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Regional edible food org survey – County to provide update<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Survey sent out on Friday, Nov 5th. Due by Jan 7, 2021.b. Sent to 168 FRO's Countywide (primarily from food banks)c. Sent to 625 unconfirmed FRO's (primarily from 211. Ex: small operations and food distributors)d. 40 surveys received on Fridaye. Office hours for survey on Nov 17th (2-3pm)- With County, SDFSA, CalRecycle<ul style="list-style-type: none">f. Jurisdiction + County roles in survey | |

- Intent to send info to appropriate jurisdiction (location of FRO) for follow up and so they can know which FROs are in their jurisdiction.
- Suggestion to account for potential capacity changes since survey submission to first part of 2022. But note that there is a question in the survey about planned capacity expansion, but that may change with upcoming funding.
- Survey results will be sent to jurisdictional contacts from the TAC group, as well as this group.
- b. Capacity planning checklists for jurisdictions – Review with group
 - [Edible Food Recovery capacity timeline](#)
 - [Organics Processing capacity timeline](#)
- c. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria
 - Ekolojik: Food service providers – jurisdictions are only required to provide information and education to those physically located within their jurisdiction, which includes all of their service areas outside of the jurisdictions. How does this play into capacity planning? Stephanie to send request for clarity to CalRecycle. Will report back.
 - City of SD Comment: education and info to be provided to office locations and the individual service locations' capacities should count in their actual jurisdictions.
 - Comment: should ask corporate entities for their service areas in San Diego County. City of SD comment that some entities needed to get their lawyers involved before sharing that information.
 - County of SD enforcement comment: what about FSP's with central office locations? Does food recovery paperwork need to be at each service location or can the jurisdiction of the central office enforce on service locations outside of their jurisdiction if paperwork is at central office?
 - City of SD: Complete list of Sprout's locations is on the SharePoint.

4. SB 1383 – Public Education Resources

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- a. Food generator training video – County to provide update
- b. CalRecycle Pub Ed Campaign – update from CalRecycle (if any)
- c. *Save The Food, San Diego!* Campaign – update from SDFSA
 - New Save the Food SD website being developed
 - Creating a video showing food donation with Jimbo's. Should be live on Instagram soon.
- d. Other resources to share
 - City of Carlsbad added [food recovery analysis](#) onto their [website](#).
 - City of SD sending 1-page mailers to Tier 1 generators (~300). Targeted for November (regular mail and email if available). Will distribute to this group.

- City of Oceanside is starting Tier 1 and Tier 2 simultaneously. Trying to consolidate inspections with existing stormwater and FOG inspections. Is anyone else doing this? Also, tech solutions.
- County of San Diego Comment: use of Accela for other inspections and Recycling section will be using Minerva software.
- City of Coronado Comment: use of TrackIt for FOG permits and piloted the use of TrackIt for joint FOG/edible food generator inspections.
- County of San Diego briefed DEHQ about SB 1383 and they have jurisdictional contacts if they see potential issues from generators.
- Solana Center: how do you determine that the maximum amount of edible food is being donated? Any suggestions? What is CalRecycle looking for in the inspections, what level of detail is acceptable to justify that the maximum amount is being donated?
Stephanie asked for clarity in an email to CalRecycle and will report back.
- County Comment: generator may need to have more than 1 contract with different FROs, or may have different food recovery techniques (selling at a discount or giving to staff for free).
- City of Coronado Comment: Some Vons have noted that their food donation occurs seasonally (lots during the holidays).
- City of SD Comment: don't want to force generators to donate a certain amount and "donation dump" on FRO's.
- Feeding San Diego Comment: Feeding America has an annual tracking device to determine the maximum amount each store can recover (based on averages and sales volumes). TBD if resource can be shared with group.
- [Spanish food recovery guidance document](#)
- [Guidance Document: Estimating Edible Food Disposed by Mandated Food Donors](#)

5. Grants & funding

[CalRecycle Edible Food Recovery Grant Program](#)

Applications Due Dec 16th, questions due by Nov 22 to

GHGReductions@CalRecycle.ca.gov

- City of Carlsbad curious if others are applying.
- City of Solana Beach was considering it but likely won't apply.
- SDFSA question about ranking system - 1st tribal partnerships, 2nd County food insecurity rate and previous county awards.
- CalRecycle: all questions need to be submitted to the grant Q&A inbox since grant has already been released.
- Carlsbad note that getting things like refrigerators are great, but many organizations need help/funding for installation.
- SDFSA note that maintenance and/or personnel and salary costs could potentially be used to cover installation costs.

- CalRecycle \$60M available to jurisdictions for SB 1383 implementation. Will be discussed at [next public monthly meeting](#) (11/16 at 10am). Potentially similar to City County Payment Program (non-competitive). Will likely not cover costs that have already been incurred (future costs only). Can apply regionally. Aim to have available in early-2022.

6. News & Events

7. Roundtable

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8. Adjournment

Upcoming meeting Monday, December 13, 2021 – 10 am – 12 pm

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

| Resource | By |
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| Guidance Document for identifying Tier 1 & 2 generators | CalRecycle |
| Model tools (franchise agreement, edible food recovery agreement) | CalRecycle |
| Capacity Planning for Jurisdictions | CalRecycle |
| County of San Diego Edible Food Disposal Tool | County |
| Tier 1 & 2 Criteria for Grey Areas | County |