

TAC Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

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

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

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Agenda

1. Introductions in chat

- a. Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Sam Pyros (City of Chula Vista), Amelia Dominguez (City of Poway), Karla Del Rosario (City of Oceanside), Sara Marshall, (City of El Cajon), Alyssa Wagner (City of Carlsbad), Avecita Jones (City of Carlsbad), Wbaldo Arellano (City of Imperial Beach), Jeanne Patton (City of San Diego), Polina Osipova (City of San Diego), Malia Helms (CalRecycle), Roberta Goldenpenny (CalRecycle), Jill Larner (CalRecycle), Peter Whittet (Dream Center), Elizabeth Prado (Life Christian Center/ I Love to Glean), Geertje Grootenhuis (San Diego Food System Alliance), Sarah Feteih (San Diego Food System Alliance), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Jackie Bookstein (Solana Center), Nita Kurmins Gilson (ProduceGood), Kayla Thomson (San Diego Food Bank), Amanda Carson (San Diego Food Bank), Kerri Kolarik (Feeding San Diego), Kate Garrett (Feeding San Diego), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Vanessa Mello (County of San Diego - Environmental Health), Claire Moss (County of San Diego - Sustainability Planning), Natalia King (County of San Diego), Caitlin Lelles (County of San Diego), Stephanie Ewalt (County of San Diego)

2. SB 1383

- a. Capacity Planning Mandates for Food Recovery
 - i. SDFS Update on regional survey
 - 1. Currently incorporating feedback on the survey and will send out the updated version soon (1-2 weeks).
 - 2. Working on a 1-page handout as a primer for the survey.
 - 3. Potentially hosting a collaborative webinar with the food banks
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria
 - i. Food service providers – education at the primary location, what is a primary location?
 - 1. Primary location = Headquarters/main office (= where records are kept). May differ per FSP based on their company organization (centralized v decentralized).
 - a. If HQ is out of the state we do not contact them.
 - 2. How to determine if a grocery store counts, based on a “certain %” of grocery items being sold?
 - a. Supermarkets that are not on the convenience list, do they still count as grocery stores based on sales/square footage?
 - b. Stores like Target, Walmart with multiple uses – use primary use, sales, square footage, # of personnel? Let’s try to be consistent

throughout our region, although some customization may need to occur.

- c. Use google maps/google street view to estimate square footage and determine if 1 or 2 stories.
3. Strip malls and plazas
 - a. Defined as a large venue like a mall food court?
 - b. Some share waste/recycling, some are individual.

3. Understanding the Food Recovery Landscape

a. Presentations:

i. Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank – Kayla Thompson

1. Centralized food hub in San Diego. Acts as a connecting agent between donors and food pantries.
2. Recover and distribute food throughout the entire county.
3. Physical infrastructure: 2 warehouses (Miramar and Vista), Processing (sorting, bagging, compost and recycling center), distribution.
4. Resources: Programs (federal, Super Pantry, Diaper Bank), Nonprofit Services (compliance, assistance), Food Bank University (classes, grant writing, donor retention).
5. Food Recovery: General donations (pick ups of larger volumes), Food pick up (by nonprofit partners)
 - a. Food Rescue Program: Fresh rescue, meal rescue, backyard rescue (gleaning)
6. Donor onboarding includes training on food safety methods.
7. Contact Kayla for a list of partner agencies:

kthomson@sandiegofoodbank.org



- b. Feeding San Diego – Kerri Kolarik
 - 1. Not a traditional food bank – they keep food local to the area it was rescued. Do not store in a centralized warehouse, although they do have a small warehouse that can be used.
 - a. 225 farms/packing sheds, 320 distribution partners
 - 2. Meal Connect = Feeding America donation app (website and smartphone)
 - a. Food recovery partner agencies are trained in food safety and carry thermapens, freezer blankets, and scales.
 - b. Meant for smaller quantities (1-2 pallets).
 - 3. Donor onboarding for recurring donations includes an onboarding meeting (usually onsite), phone call with one-time donors about food safety and a written acknowledgement.
 - 4. Currently, some corporate stores hold contracts with Feed America (much closer to an informal agreement).
 - 5. Contact Kerri for a list of partner agencies: kkolarik@feedingsandiego.org
- c. Dream Center San Diego (Summit Church in San Marcos) - Peter Whittet
 - i. Donate, Don't Dump program
 - 1. 2012 - Farmers Market style, select what you'd like
 - 2. 2016 – partnership with Feeding San Diego. No refrigeration, so all food came in as left as soon as possible.
 - ii. Night on the Block at CSU San Marcos. Now participate in Tuesday night farmers market.
 - iii. They are a Meal Connect partner, part of the Super Pantry program.
 - iv. No reports of illness due to donations.
 - v. Contact info: peter@aare.org
 - vi. Received 2 San Diego Food Bank cold storage grants – bought a 20 ft cold box, 3 door commercial freezer, 2 door commercial freezer, 2x20 ft dry storage units.
 - vii. Emergency Food and Shelter program – 20 ft dry storage unit (now have 3 total)
 - viii. Open Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2nd and 4th Saturday.
 - ix. Receive food through San Diego Food Bank and Feeding San Diego regular pick-ups and deliveries, in addition to Meal Connect.
 - x. Connect other partners/churches with the Food Banks to get their programs started.
- d. I Love to Glean - Karen Clay
 - i. Warehouse in Chula Vista.

I Love to Glean South County Food Hub Recovery Service

Gets lead for Generator Recovery and carries the financial and resource burden by providing the transportation, correct cold storage needs, large warehouse space and coordination of volunteers from agencies to sort and pack the food for distribution. Agencies then take back to their locations for distribution.

- ii. Submitted a proposal to the City of Chula Vista for a 2-year pilot program to establish a consolidated food recovery program.

- iii. Contact info: info@ilovetoglean.org , elizabeth.prado@lcccv.org

Updates & Resources

4. Tools for Jurisdictions

- a. CalRecycle Tools
 - i. [Guidance Document for identifying Tier 1 & 2 generators](#)
 - ii. [Capacity planning tool – survey for food recovery orgs](#)
 - iii. Food recovery organization survey (County lead)
 - iv. [Model tools](#) (franchise agreement, edible food recovery agreement)
- b. Nuances in Criteria for identifying Tier 1 & Tier 2 generators
 - i. Share what County has learned (share as attachment)

5. Regional Public Outreach

- a. CalRecycle's campaign -*pending*
 - i. *What is the bigger picture of campaign? So local entities can plan.*
- b. SB 1383 - Regional messaging for **commercial** food waste generators
 - i. Regional messages for food waste generators (businesses) Share spreadsheet with links of public ed resources inventory (*pending updates and new resources*)
 - ii. RSWA Resources – will share as developed
 - 1. Resources will include:
 - a. Food Recovery Packet (in English & Spanish) for generators
 - i. Recovery logistics, liability protections, enhanced tax deductions, food recovery requirements under SB 1383, source reduction and prevention solutions, sample contract language between a food recovery organization and food donor, and sample Food Recovery Standard Operating Procedures.
- iii. Training Video – Regional – County Lead
 - 1. County developing - *each jurisdiction or contractor will be responsible for distribution to their generators*
 - 2. Timeline – *Sept 2021 release date (development & review Summer 2021)*
- c. Regional **residential** outreach – reduction & recovery
 - i. [Regional Save The Food](#), San Diego! Campaign
 - ii. New Save the Food! Toolkit – Sign up at [this secure newsletter sign up form](#)

6. Grant & Funding Opps

- a. USDA Cooperative agreements for community compost and food waste reduction - 2 years - due July 16 start in Sept - \$45-90K
- b. Food assistance related projects that are included in the American Rescue Plan funding plan for COVID-19 relief efforts

7. News & Events
8. August Meeting topics (requests)
9. Adjournment

Next meeting August 9, 2021 (second Monday 10:00-12:00 p.m.)