

TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, January 10th, 2022: 10:00- 12:00 p.m.

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

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Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introductions (please type name and affiliation in chat)** INFO
Haley Aumiller (CalRecycle), Roberta Goldenpenny (CalRecycle), Malia Helms (CalRecycle), Annika Andersen (City of Oceanside), Amelia Dominguez (City of Poway), Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Sean Harris (City of San Marcos), Dave Didonato (City of Chula Vista), Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Hilary Ego (City of La Mesa), Sara Marshall (City of El Cajon), Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon), Ofelia Andrade (City of Coronado), Polina Osipova (City of San Diego), Jeanna Patton (City of San Diego), Tyla Soylu (Ekolojik), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Jackie Bookstein (Solana Center), Geertje Grootenhuis (SDFSFA), Sarah Feteih (SDFSFA), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Nita Gilson (ProduceGood), Alison Schlick (Zero Waste SD), Kate Garrett (Feeding San Diego), Patty O'Connor (Feeding SD), Megan McDonald (Feeding San Diego), Kayla Thomson (SD Food Bank), Amanda Carson (SD Food Bank), Julia Kuhlman (County of San Diego – PDS), Josh Keyton (County of San Diego), Natalia King (County of San Diego), Caitlin Lelles (County of San Diego), Eric Wolff (County of San Diego), Stephanie Ewalt (County of San Diego)
- 2. Public Comments & Communications** (Guests who wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda may do so during this period) INFO
 - a. ProduceGood – SB 1383 grant for local jurisdictions. Note that they work throughout the county and are willing and able to increase capacity for edible food recovery.
- 3. SB 1383 – Rollout roundtable** INFO + Discussion
 - a. Regional edible food org survey – County to provide update
 - a. Survey sent out countywide on Friday, Nov 5th.
 - i. Technically closed on 1/7, but survey is still active and FROs can still participate.
 - b. County received 103 surveys as of 1/10/22
 - c. SDFSFA is working on aggregating data for jurisdictions and will provide data by jurisdiction directly to individual jurisd.
 - d. County to share FRO's lists by jurisdictions + survey language (shared document)
 - e. Food banks were only replying on the survey for direct donations recovered by them (not including their partner organizations). So no double counting.
 - b. Capacity planning checklists for jurisdictions – links below

- a. Next key date: 2/1 County will request send formal request to jurisdictions for edible food recovery capacity info listed above
 - b. 6/1: Jurisdiction deadline to submit capacity info due to County (120 days to respond)
- c. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria
 - a. Solana Center – community colleges/UCs/state schools are non-local entities (and therefore not Tier 1 or 2 on their own), but include food service providers, restaurants, and/or large venues (which do qualify as Tier 1 or 2). Notes will be placed in the SharePoint document.
 - b. County SB 1383 Working Group currently identifying County facilities that may qualify as Tier 1 or Tier 2 for food recovery. If there are any County facilities in your jurisdiction, please feel free to reach out to the County.
- d. DEHQ –Organics Collection guidance
 - a. EDCO's "The Right Way" video
<https://www.cityoflamesa.us/386/Waste-Recycling>
 - b. Waste Free SD – Bin Cleaning Services now available
 - i. Carts only at this time.
 - ii. 4 services available now. Please contact the County if you hear of additional services.
 - c. DEHQ Guidance document - to be released mid-January.
 - d. Solana Center contacted County of Santa Clara about organics collection, since they have been collecting organics for ~10 years:
 - i. Vectors are not deterred by plastic bags. No numbers to show that unbagged organics collection increases vectors.
 - ii. In many cases, organics were collected more frequently than recycling and trash (for businesses).
 - iii. Feedback from local restaurants – they prefer totes to dumpsters as they seal better.
 - e. City of Oceanside – note that their businesses prefer the dumpsters and use the lock bars.
 - f. Note that businesses do not believe they can bring organics totes inside overnight (per DEHQ). This is not true – ordinance language to be provided.
 - g. City of SD – has required that dumpsters get retrofitted with rubber to hold organics. They get warped over time and haulers must replace upon customer request.
 - h. City of La Mesa – previous experience from San Francisco. If rats are cited as an issue, it is usually from the surrounding area (not occurring because of organics in bins). Raccoons were also an issue as they can physically open the bins, bungees or locks are recommended.

- e. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
 - a. Concerns from FRO's on recordkeeping and reporting requirements
 - i. Note that the CalRecycle tool contains lots of legal jargon, and smaller FRO's do not have legal teams.
 - ii. Model agreement has 2 options (donor recordkeeping or FRO recordkeeping on their behalf).
 - iii. Model recordkeeping contains a breakdown of Tier 1 and 2 donors (tracking these separately takes significant time)
 - b. Pending clarity from CalRecycle – meeting scheduled this week between CalRecycle, County of SD, and SDFSFA.
 - c. City of SD – per SB 1383, food recovery organizations do not need to be 501c3. Just cannot be for-profit.
 - d. Solana Center – discussion regarding donation dumping. Can agreements be used as a tool to discourage donation dumping?
 - i. I Love to Glean – inspects all donations before accepting. Sets the bar high from the very beginning. Has refused donations in the past due to temperature or visual inspection.
 - ii. Feeding San Diego – suggests communication with donor - ask why this happened (new staff, mistake, operational errors, etc). Also encourage taking pictures of unacceptable donations to show to managers and other staff.
 - iii. SDFSFA – note that this can be a difficult bar for FRO's to set retroactively with existing donors. They would like to maintain the relationship for the edible food they do receive and have historically accepted a certain amount of dumping. Do not want to hinder the relationship, would appreciate jurisdictions' support in communicating with donors.

4. SB 1383 – Public Education Resources

- a. Food generator training video – County to provide update
- b. CalRecycle Pub Ed Campaign – no update from CalRecycle
- c. *Save The Food, San Diego!* Campaign – website target date for spring 2022
- d. Other resources to share? RSWA?
- e. Who to list in public outreach materials to donors? Two main food banks or smaller agencies as well? Has anyone done this? Survey shows?
 - a. City of Chula Vista compiles a full list of donors (not just food banks). Once list is vetted the full list will be a resource for donors.
 - b. SDFSFA recommends getting permission from each organization to see if they want to be listed as a public resource. Note that ~25% of FRO survey respondents said they

would like to be contacted directly, other 75% said through a food bank.

- c. SDFSFA and County will share which orgs are interested in being listed, and which ones are not, once data is aggregated in Jan.
- d. City of SD – [mailer to Tier 1 generators](#) with full [food recovery org list](#)

5. SB 1383 – Organics Collection Concerns from Food Recovery Orgs

Brief discussion points from SDFSFA/group discussion

Follow up from 12/13 meeting/DEHQ

6. Grants & funding

SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Funding

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/owrlocalassistancegrant/fy202122>

FAQ:

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*Please send these questions to the grants@calrecycle.ca.gov email. Questions that they answer will go up on the FAQ webpage.

Applications due Feb 1 - first round of awards on 4/1/22

Needed to apply:

1. An enforceable ordinance in place
2. Assembly Districts and Senate Districts
3. Detailed Project Summary or Statement of Use
4. Detailed budget that equals to the grant funds requested amount
5. Board Resolution
6. Letter of Designation

Eligible Expenses:

1. Capacity Planning
2. Collection
3. Edible Food Recovery
4. Ed & Outreach
5. Program Evaluation/Gap Analysis
6. Procurement Requirements
7. Record Keeping

****Refrigerators, trucks and vehicles for organics and edible food projects are eligible expenses but the grantee needs to own and control the equipment/vehicle.**

State of California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery	
SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program FY 2021-22 - Funding Estimates	
Jurisdiction Name	Estimated Funding Amount
San Bernardino County	\$ 399,624
San Diego	
Carlsbad	\$ 152,509
Chula Vista	\$ 360,981
Coronado	\$ 30,344
Del Mar	\$ 20,000
El Cajon	\$ 136,432
Encinitas	\$ 82,718
Escondido	\$ 199,971
Imperial Beach	\$ 37,449
La Mesa	\$ 79,162
Lemon Grove	\$ 35,575
National City	\$ 83,321
Oceanside	\$ 232,847
Poway	\$ 65,205
San Diego	\$ 1,851,693
San Marcos	\$ 127,328
Santee	\$ 75,519
Solana Beach	\$ 20,000
Vista	\$ 136,465
San Diego County	\$ 654,514
San Francisco	

Comments:

- SDFSFA – comment to potentially consider FRO’s as consultants to fund labor instead of equipment. Is there anything SDFSFA can do to support applications?
 - Potentially providing costs for subcontractor/consultant work.
- Note that it is a non-competitive grant for all aspects of SB 1383 (not just edible food recovery). If qualifications are met funds will be released to jurisdictions.

7. News & Events

[EPA environmental impact report of food waste](#)

[Article about Meal Pass in Santa Barbara](#)

8. Roundtable

County of SD – with current media coverage about SB1383, is there a timeline for the release of CalRecycle’s media campaign? – No update, hopefully soon.

INFO +
Discussion

9. Adjournment

Upcoming meeting Monday, February 14, 2021 – 10 am – 12 pm

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
SB 1383 Planning Timeline for Jurisdictions (Edible Food)	County
SB 1383 Planning Timeline for Jurisdictions (Organics)	County
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
CalRecycle's web page for food donors	CalRecycle
CalRecycle's web page for food recovery organizations	CalRecycle
Tier 1 & 2 Criteria for Grey Areas	County
Edible Food Capacity Planning SURVEY (open through Jan 7)	County
SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program	CalRecycle
Waste Free SD – Bin Cleaning Services	County