TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, February 14th, 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
   Alma Fernandez (City of Escondido), Amelia Kim (City of Poway), Annika Andersen (City of Oceanside), Colleen Foster (City of Oceanside), Ashlee Strakis (City of Encinitas), Haley Aumiller (CalRecycle), Roberta Goldenpenny (CalRecycle), Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Dave Didonato (City of Chula Vista), Emily Creegan (USDA Fellow), Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Hilary Ego (City of La Mesa), Megan McDonald (Feeding SD), Ofelia Andrade (City of Coronado), Jeanne Patton (City of San Diego), Rimga Viskanta (City of Solana Beach), Sara Marshall (City of El Cajon), Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon),Sean Harris (City of San Marcos), Sydney Stegman (City of SD), Amanda Carson (SD Food Bank), Kayla Thomson (SD Food Bank), Patty O'Connor (Feeding SD),   Kate Garrett (Feeding SD), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Geertje Grootenhuis (SDFSA), Nita Gilson (ProduceGood), Stephanie Morris (Jimbo's), Tyla Soylu (Ekolojik), Amy Unruh (I Love a Clean SD), Wbaldo Arellano (City of Imperial Beach) Julia Kuhlman (County of San Diego), Vanessa Mello (County of San Diego – DEHQ), Joshua Keyton (County of San Diego), John Harris (County of San Diego), Kaitlin Lowe (County of San Diego), Caitlin Lelles (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. None

3. **SB 1383 – Rollout roundtable**   INFO + Discussion
   a. Capacity Planning Presentation – Stephanie Ewalt
      1. Jurisdiction responsibilities – estimating amount of edible food that will be disposed by Tier 1 and 2 generators, identify existing capacity at food recovery organizations, identify proposed or new food recovery services.
      2. County responsibilities - County to aggregate data and submit to the state, including jurisdictions that lack capacity. County required to report to CalRecycle by Aug 1.
      3. 2/11/22: County sent formal request via email to jurisdictions for edible food recovery capacity (and organics planning)
      4. 6/11/22: Jurisdiction deadline to submit capacity info due to County.

5. 32% response rate from confirmed fresh rescue partners, 13% response rate from unconfirmed partners.
6. <mark>Food recovery org survey available through March 31.</mark>
7. Q: City of Solana Beach - how to account for food capacity that is available regionally, if a jurisdiction does not have any (or a lot) of FRO's in their jurisdiction?

    A: the survey asks FRO's to identify how much they rescue from each jurisdiction (ex: 25% Solana Beach, 50% City of SD, etc.)
8. Q: City of SD - how does survey address those that partner with the food banks, to avoid double counting?

    A: food banks did not include any fresh rescue in the survey, only the food that they actually recovered.
9. For edible food disposal, jurisdictions may use the CalRecycle tool or the County provided tool.

b. Regional edible food org survey
1. County presentation on food org survey
2. SDFSA working is aggregating data for jurisdictions

c. Capacity planning checklists for jurisdictions – links below
1. Next key date: <mark>2/11/22</mark> County sent formal request via email to jurisdictions for edible food recovery capacity
2. <mark>6/11/22:</mark> Jurisdiction deadline to submit capacity info due to County.
3. Checklists are updated in resource list below.

d. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria
1. Do marathons count? Yes – the food banks confirmed that they have each recovered from marathons before (oatmeal packets, fresh whole fruit, bars, etc)
2. Would like to discuss how to record large events, including street vendors where donation isn't appropriate.
3. City of Oceanside suggests getting good info from the event upfront to see if food donation is appropriate.
4. ProduceGood – would like clarification on farmers markets. Ekolojik clarified that unless they are hosted by an agency, they are not Tier 2.
5. DEHQ note that any prepared foods kept at 41-45 degrees must be destroyed at the end of the day (and cannot be donated).
6. Q: Oceanside – will DEHQ provide food donation resources specifically for large venues or events?
A: all events and venues are inspected by DEHQ as part of permitting, no specific brochure exists at this time.
7. Q: City of SD – question on seating v square footage. Does anyone know what the limit for fire code is?

A: No solid answer. May still depend on kitchen/dining room ratio, some restaurants now have additional outdoor seating, etc.

e. DEHQ –Organics Collection guidance
   1. EDCO's "The Right Way" video
      https://www.cityoflamesa.us/386/Waste-Recycling
   2. Waste Free SD – Bin Cleaning Services now available
   3. DEHQ Guidance document

f. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
   1. Concerns from FRO's on recordkeeping requirements
   2. CalRecycle guidance – ok for FRO's and jurisdictions to report a combined total of food recovered. Do not need to separate out only Tier 1 and 2 generators
   3. Sharing Tier 1 and 2 generators lists with food banks. Will help food banks continue to identify generators not donating, and will help to set them up to donate.
      i. I Love to Glean - suggestion to distribute this info to the smaller FRO agencies or to make it publicly available. Don't only give the info to the large food banks (don't make the list exclusive).
      ii. County – note that just because a generator is donating doesn't mean they are donating the maximum, and that jurisdictions must conduct inspections on all Tier 1 and 2's (regardless of if they are already donating or not).
      iii. SDFSA – note that this came about because FRO's were curious if any of their existing donors were Tier 1 or 2 (and therefore needed contracts).
      iv. Oceanside – note that Tier 1 and 2 generators may not want to be listed publicly and contacted by FRO's. May need to ask for their permission to post that info. Also consider exactly what info would be shared on this list.
      v. County - are contracts customary? Onus for the contract is on the generator right? – yes, onus is on generator.
         1. Feeding SD – has some contracts with large national donors (ex. Target, Walmart), but not on the local level. Working on amending those now for SB 1383 compliance.
         2. Oceanside simplified the CalRecycle model food recovery agreement to make it more manageable and agreeable for smaller FRO's (more of a form that the donor and FRO complete together). Stephanie (Jimbo's) – noted that it has been helpful that the food banks provided an agreement for her business, and that the CalRecycle one was onerous.

4. **SB 1383 – Public Education Resources**
   a. CalRecycle Pub Ed Campaign – update from CalRecycle

1. No food donation items yet.
   b. *Save The Food, San Diego!* Campaign – update from SDFSA
   c. Public Ed Resources to share
      RSWA
      County
      City of San Diego
      Carlsbad
      Oceanside *Will be put on the agenda next month to share.*

      Others?

5. **SB 1383 – Organics Collection Concerns from Food Recovery Orgs**
   Brief discussion points from SDFSA/group discussion
   a. Oceanside – note that collection costs will increase 10-50% for most generators, but they may offset costs by right-sizing. Dumping can also present an issue with contamination fees. Oceanside accepts clear plastic liners for commercial food scraps to mitigate odors/vectors (not for residential). If your hauler doesn't take plastic liners, empty the contents into the organics bin and toss the liner in the trash. Note that bin cleanings/swap outs are often available for a small fee.
   b. SDFSA – note that a pay for food donation model would make it more sustainable for FRO's.

6. **Grants & funding**
   a. SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant

7. **News & Events**
   EPA environmental impact report of food waste

   Article about Meal Pass in Santa Barbara
   a. Upcoming CalRecycle webinars on Feb 17 (SB 1383 Reporting Tool) and March 1 (RDRS).

8. **Roundtable**   INFO +
   a. Super Bowl commercial for reducing food waste!   Discussion
   b. March 8 - Oceanside hosting a workshop for Donating Edible Food. Inviting feeding agencies and Tier 1 and 2 generators. Will go over the form and the SB 1383 requirements.

9. **Adjournment**
   Upcoming meeting Monday, March 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

Kate Garrett (Guest) 10:36 AM 👍 1

FSD Partners have rescued food from marathons/events like this in the past (specifically working with Easy Day Sports.) The day of the race, a Partner heads over to the Finish line to pick up any leftover edible food. Granola bars, bananas, oatmeal packets, etc. are some examples of food that has been rescued

Kayla Thomson, San Diego Food Bank (Guest) 10:37 AM 👍 1

To add to what Kate/FSD said, SDFB has historically recovered from marathons and races in the past. Generally bars, beverages, bananas etc.