

TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, May 9, 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
 - a. Ashlee Stratakis (City of Encinitas), Alma Fernandez (City of Escondido), Haley Aumiller (CalRecycle), Roberta Goldenpenny (CalRecycle), Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon), Dave Didonato (City of Chula Vista), Wbaldo Arellano (City of Imperial Beach), Polina Osipova (City of San Diego), Jeanne Patton (City of San Diego ESD), Rimga Viskanta (City of Solana Beach), Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Hilary Ego (City of La Mesa), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Amy Unruh (I Love A Clean San Diego), Kate Garrett (Feeding SD), Megan McDonald (Feeding SD), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Nita Kurmins Gilson (ProduceGood), Amanda Carson (San Diego Food Bank), Kayla Thomson (San Diego Food Bank), Stephanie Morris (Jimbo's), Tyla Soylu (Ekolojik), Geertje Grootenhuis (San Diego Food System Alliance), Julia Kuhlman (County of San Diego - PDS), Claire Moss (County of San Diego – PDS), Vanessa Mello (County of SD – DEHQ), Stephanie Ewalt (County of San Diego), Joshua Keyon (County of San Diego), Kaitlin Lowe (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. SDFSA – Geertje is leaving SDFSA to pursue a Graduate's program in Amsterdam (will be around for a couple more weeks).
 - b. County of San Diego – Stephanie Ewalt has retired from the County, now part-time with Ekolojik. Please look for a new meeting invite from Caitlin Lelles.
- 3. Agency Survey Results and Presentation of Tableau (Geertje)**
 - a. SDFSA – Created 2 data analysis tools – large spreadsheet for quantitative data and Tableau for qualitative data (types of foods that are accepted and what is needed).
 - i. I Love to Glean – Is there going to be any tie back with the other jurisdictions regarding Vision 2030?
 1. SDFSA – Want to create policy coalitions for food recovery capacity with this data, more info to come...

4. SB 1383 – Rollout roundtable

INFO +
Discussion

- a. Regional edible food org survey
 - a. [Access to Survey Questions for continuation of outreach](#)
 - b. Tableau Results available
 - i. [County of San Diego Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results](#)
 - c. Add population inflator
 - i. County of San Diego – As you are doing your disposal and capacity numbers, please include population inflator in the survey results.
- b. Capacity planning checklists for jurisdictions – links below
 - a. **6/11/22:** Jurisdiction deadline to submit capacity info due to County. Disposal + Capacity Numbers
 - b. EDD Data from County
 - i. County of San Diego – A one-time snapshot of 2021 data, County will not be keeping or accumulating data on an ongoing basis.
 - c. June 11 is a Saturday, so June 13th is ok.
 - i. For submitting capacity data to the County.
 - d. Checklists are updated in resource list below.
- c. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria
 - a. County of San Diego – Updating regional spreadsheet as questions have been clarified by CalRecycle.
 - b. ProduceGood – Since many jurisdictions have received CalRecycle funding, are you going to be covering what cities are doing assessment wise? References SDFSA's work with Carlsbad.
 - i. SDFSA – Research work to understand existing food recovery programs and potential improvements for Carlsbad is separate and unrelated to CalRecycle funding.
 - ii. County of San Diego – County has been awarded funds but has not received it yet, individualized by cities for how funds are being used.
 - c. City of San Diego – Clarification on designation of education facilities, are all schools to be designated as Tier 2 generators?
 - i. CalRecycle – Global education agencies are not just school sites but school districts as well, each school is not a Tier 2 facility unless they have an onsite food generation facility.
 - ii. Ekolojik – According to CalRecycle, we are counting school districts as one Tier 2 generator, schools coincide with wherever their district office is located.

- iii. City of San Diego – What about the County Office of Education?
 - 1. County of San Diego – County Office of Education would not apply, no onsite food generation facility
 - d. Ekolojik – Regarding wholesalers that prepare supplements, vitamins, protein powders, etc. CalRecycle said they are still edible, so they remain on the list (case by case basis)
 - i. City of San Diego – CalRecycle should review those definitions and be a bit more reasonable to get at what we are trying to accomplish.
 - ii. DEHQ – Does not regulate supplement wholesalers.
 - iii. Ekolojik – According to wholesaler, anything nearing expiration is discounted and anything past expiration is reprocessed into pet food.
 - iv. SDFSA – Many food pantries do not accept supplements and are not prepared to provide advice on how to take supplements, treated the same as medication.
 - v. I Love to Glean – Get the food bank’s viewpoint on supplements, find out what they are advising their agencies to do.
 - 1. Feeding SD – They can make exceptions at times depending on supplement and demand. Distributor centers are not barred from accepting supplements, same with protein powder. There are policies for baby formula and over-the-counter medication.
 - 2. San Diego Food Bank – Does not accept supplements, aside from food items (including meal replacement drinks and bars). Over-the-counter medication is not accepted.
 - e. Ekolojik – If we find edible food in the compost bin, is it a violation? Where do we draw the line?
 - i. County – If someone has something arrange for animal feed that is fit for human consumption, is that a violation? Is there a hierarchy of regulation or does anyone’s ordinance address this?
 - ii. Jimbo’s – Want to divert more organics to animal consumption when not donate-able, currently only customer to coworker scale. Are there regulations or support to create a partnership between retailer & local farmer?

1. CalRecycle – Send questions to either Roberta Goldenpenny or SLCP inbox to be answered later.
- f. County of San Diego – Site visit last week with wholesale distributor, mentioned that once avocados hit the ground, they are inedible. Is this abundance of caution from the wholesaler or elsewhere?
 - i. DHEQ – Unsure what the wholesale distributor is referring to, the produce can be used. Donatable per food service code assumes the consumer would take produce home and wash it, most likely wholesalers' own clarification.
 - ii. City of San Diego – Site visit with food packaging facility, told that having an organic compost facility is not okay, regulations from FDA and USDA.
 1. DEHQ – Does not regulate a lot of generators, only deals with retail foods. May be beneficial to reach out to FDA and USDA to get those discussion going and align them.
 - iii. County of San Diego – SB1383 does not require generators to report, are jurisdictions writing that in their ordinances?
 1. Ekolojik – Yes, it was an option in the model ordinance and jurisdictions modified the text how they wanted.
 2. County of San Diego – County does not expect to get annual reports and site visits are not required annually. Some site may require more oversight than others.
 3. SDFSA – Is there a centralized location for understanding the differences between record keeping and reporting across different jurisdictions?
 - a. County of San Diego – Hope to have data synthesized soon.
 - i. [Tier 1 & 2 Criteria for Grey Areas](#)
- d. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion
- e. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
 - a. Concerns from FRO's on recordkeeping requirements
 - b. 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
 - c. 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.

1. SDFSFA – Open to food bank information being the source for reporting.
2. County of San Diego – Generators do not have to report, just keep records. Whether the records are generated by the agency or food banks, if the info is there it is fine.
3. Ekolojik – Details for accepted and rejected foods are very jurisdiction specific and mostly on the generator to prepare those tallies.
4. County of San Diego – If the partner agencies are keeping records, they can give them to the food generators. The generator is going to be responsible.
5. Solana Center – Would like CalRecycle to weigh in on whether generators need a formal tally or if they can rely more on food banks data for the tally.

f. Jurisdictional Reporting

- i. Request to CalRecycle to have [website updated](#) so reporting due dates for 2022 are clearer.
- ii. [CalRecycle – Model Reporting Tools](#)
- iii. August 1 – SB 1383 Capacity Planning Due
- iv. October 1 – EAR due
 1. CY 2021 for AB 939
 2. Through June 2022 for MCR/MORE

g. **SB 1383 – Public Education Resources**

- [CalRecycle Pub Ed Campaign – update from CalRecycle](#) (residential)
 - CalRecycle – Statewide education campaign focused on residential green waste, commercial-focused EFR will not be included.
- *Save The Food, San Diego!* Campaign – update from SDFSFA
 - SDFSFA – Close to finalizing the website, great regional resource hub for SB1383 education, and plans to send out link later.
- Public Ed Resources to share

[RSWA](#)

[County](#)

[City of San Diego](#)

[Carlsbad](#)

[Oceanside](#)

[Oceanside Resources created in partnership with SDFSFA \(ok to use content– remove logos and branding first\)](#)

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

Brief discussion points from SDFSA/group discussion

Any feedback from jurisdictions?

i. Grants & funding

j. Legislation (crowd source)

k. News & Events

**CalRecycle webinar on how to enter Electronic Annual Report Data
(County and City focus)**

Date & Time:

Thursday, June 2nd, 2022, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursday, June 9th, 2022, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

GoToWebinar

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/312195754310446351>

Contact information: SLCP.Organics@calrecycle.ca.gov

l. Roundtable

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- a. CalRecycle – Hoping to publish 2021 waste characterization data from disposal study by the end of the year, data broken down by sector.
- b. CalRecycle – No size qualification for wholesalers, all wholesale food vendors regardless of size should be considered Tier 1.
- c. **Roberta sending Stephanie follow-up info (she'll add later)**

m. Adjournment

Upcoming meeting Monday, June 13, 2022 – 10 am – 12 pm

Next meeting: look for new meeting invite from Caitlin Lelles

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

| Resource | Provided By |
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| 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 March 31) | County |
| SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program | CalRecycle |
| Waste Free SD – Bin Cleaning Services | County |