

TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, July 11, 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. Alexa Kerr (City of La Mesa), Alma Fernandez (City of Escondido), Amanda Carson (San Diego Food Bank), Ashlee Stratakis (City of Encinitas), Caitlin Lelles (County of San Diego), Carla Hutchinson (City of National City), Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Claire Moss (County of DS – PDS), Colleen Foster (City of Oceanside), Dave Didonato (City of Chula Vista), Eric Wolff (County of San Diego), Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Jeanne Patton (City of San Diego Environmental Services), Jill Larner (CalRecycle), Joshua Keyton (County of San Diego), Kaitlin Lowe (County of San Diego), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Kate Garrett (Feeding SD), Kayla Thomson (San Diego Food Bank), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon), Naomi Billups (County of San Diego – HHSA), Nita Kurmins Gilson (Produce Good), Ofelia Andrade (City of Coronado), Polina Osipova (City of San Diego), Rimga Viskanta (City of Solana Beach), Sara Marshall (City of El Cajon), Stephanie Morris (Jimbo's), Tyla Soylu (Ekolojik), Vanessa Mello (County of San Diego DEHQ), Wbaldo Arellano (City of Imperial Beach)
- 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
- 3. SB 1383 – Rollout roundtable** INFO + Discussion
 - a. Regional edible food org survey
 - b. [Access to Survey Questions for continuation of outreach](#)
 - c. [Tableau](#) Results available
 - d. [Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results](#) (5/27/2022)

- d. County has been conducting outreach to FRO's
 - i. County of San Diego – County staff and contractors reached out to remaining 25% of confirmed fresh rescue orgs (~50 orgs). Final capacity numbers pending.
 - ii. City of Oceanside – Were you only surveying fresh rescue orgs? Does that only include dry goods?
 - 1. County of San Diego and Food Banks – No, fresh rescue is a categorization from the food banks, also includes rescuing shelf-stable and frozen foods.
- b. Implementation Plans (for jurisdictions lacking capacity)
 - a. SB 1383 language
 - b. Timeline (120 days from County submission to the state)
 - i. Mid-November if submitted at the end of July
 - c. Plan to include timelines, milestones, funding, etc.
 - d. Implementation plan if regional surplus?
 - i. CalRecycle – For individual jurisdictions with a deficit but regional surplus, those jurisdiction must submit a formal implementation plan.
 - ii. City of Oceanside – Asking for clarity on capacity planning responsibility between jurisdictions and counties.
 - 1. CalRecycle – Intended as regional collaborative effort between counties in coordination with cities/other jurisdictions before Aug 1
 - iii. County of San Diego – Will start sending emails to jurisdictions this week regarding sharing their status on capacity deficit/surplus for regional coordination.
 - iv. CalRecycle – Implementation schedule is not intended to be a state enforcement process.
 - 1. CalRecycle – If there is a regional deficit, all jurisdictions will need to submit implementation plan. CalRecycle to verify this with the County.
 - 2. From CalRecycle's website: "If a county identifies a need for new or expanded edible food recovery capacity, then each of its jurisdictions must submit an implementation schedule to CalRecycle with a plan to ensure enough new or expanded capacity to recover the edible food currently disposed of by its mandated food donors."
 - 3. CalRecycle – Will pass along information from counties that have taken a regional approach with the group (Santa Clara County and Yolo County).
 - v. County of San Diego – We are not submitting a report as the County, but instead checking off boxes on whether a jurisdiction responded and if they are lacking capacity.

- vi. Solana Center – Is there concern with sharing excess capacity amongst the other jurisdictions?
 - 1. County of San Diego will be emailing jurisdictions for approval to share their food recovery capacity.
 - vii. County of San Diego – How much tolerance is there for waiting and verifying the actual capacity since these numbers are all theoretical and cannot be confirmed without site visits?
 - 1. CalRecycle – Nothing beyond what is within the regulations.
 - viii. County of San Diego – Does an implementation plan need funding?
 - 1. CalRecycle – Funding is not required; however, funding is a result for the need to increase capacity, crux of the implementation plan.
 - ix. Solana Center – If there is a regional deficit, does CalRecycle want one regional plan that all jurisdictions contribute to or will each jurisdiction with a deficit need to provide a plan?
 - 1. CalRecycle – All 19 jurisdiction must submit a plan if there is a deficit, but CalRecycle will confirm with the County.
- c. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria
- a. SB 1383 v USDA requirements?
 - i. County of San Diego – During a site visit, an avocado food distributor stated that any food that touched the ground was considered inedible/not donatable per USDA requirements.
 - 1. CalRecycle – Currently being vetted by legal on how to respond.
 - b. Food donation v animal feed?
 - i. CalRecycle – If the food was edible for human consumption it needs to be recovered for human consumption and not animal feed.
 - ii. General discussion regarding animal feed.
 - 1. CalRecycle – Generators may send food scraps for animal feed; however, depending on the amount going to landfill, organics collection service may be required.
 - 2. Ekolojik – Section 18983.1 Landfill Disposal and Recovery: (b) Organic waste sent to one of the following facilities, operations, or used for one of the following activities, and not subsequently sent

for landfill disposal, shall be deemed to constitute a reduction of landfill disposal.

- c. Sharing Tier 1 and 2 generators lists with food banks to confirm which generators have existing agreements; or
- d. Can food banks provide lists of donors by jurisdiction?
- d. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion
 - a. Once ordinances are approved, please send food recovery reporting language to Caitlin.Lelles@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - i. Counties first reporting in February 2023.
- e. Jurisdictional Reporting
 - i. August 1 – SB 1383 Capacity Planning Due
 - ii. October 1 – EAR due
 - 1. CY 2021 for AB 939
 - 2. Through June 2022 for MCR/MORE

4. SB 1383 – Public Education Resources

- a. Previously shared documents are on the regional resource spreadsheet

5. Grants & funding

6. Legislation (crowd source)

7. News & Events

8. Roundtable

- a. City of Oceanside – [California Resource Recovery Association \(CRRA\) Conference](#) occurring September 6 to September 9 (in-person and virtual options available).

INFO +
Discussion

9. Adjournment

Upcoming meeting Monday, August 8, 2022 – 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
Regional Guidance (including Tier 1 and Tier 2 clarifications)	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
Tableau Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results Dashboard	County/SDFSA