

TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, Monday August 8, 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)

- a. Alma Fernandez (City of Escondido), Amanda Carson (San Diego Food Bank), Annika Andersen (City of Oceanside), Caitlin Lelles (County of San Diego), Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Dave Didonato (City of Chula Vista), Elena Quintanar (County of San Diego DEHQ), Eric Wolff (County of San Diego), Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Hilary Ego (City of La Mesa), Jeanne Patton (City of San Diego Environmental Services), Joshua Keyton (County of San Diego), Kaitlin Lowe (County of San Diego), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Kate Garrett (Feeding SD), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon), 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 Ewalt (Ekolojik), Tyla Soylu (Ekolojik), Vanessa Mello (County of San Diego DEHQ)

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*)

- a. None.

3. SB 1383 – Rollout roundtable

- a. Regional edible food recovery org survey
 - i. County reported regional surplus of edible food recovery capacity for SB 1383 planning
 - 1. Continued collaboration and coordination among jurisdictions within this group
 - ii. [Access to Survey Questions for continuation of outreach](#)
 - iii. [Tableau](#) Results available
 - 1. See agenda for updated link, previous link no longer working.
 - iv. [Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results](#) (5/27/2022)
 - 1. Additional County outreach is not yet reflected in this document
 - 2. To determine if FRO's would like to be contacted directly for food donations: Please see "data dump" tab and scroll all the way right, to column BN.
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria
 - i. SB 1383 v USDA requirements?

1. County of San Diego – Regarding avocado distributor, CalRecycle will contact USDA once info from generator is received to determine compliance.
 - ii. Ekolojik – Wholesale baker claims they do not qualify for SB 1383 donations as they do not make foods under their own branding, citing trade secrets as additional justification.
 1. County of San Diego – From this description, they appear to qualify as a Tier 1 generator, will follow-up with CalRecycle.
 - iii. City of Chula Vista – Beginning food recovery inspections soon, no current questions but echoing concerns from large organizations regarding individuals getting sick from donated food.
 1. County of San Diego – All generators are covered under the Good Samaritan Law.
 - iv. Solana Center – What are cities checking to ensure organizations have no donatable food? Currently waiting on feedback from CalRecycle.
 1. Ekolojik – Take good notes and conduct surprise inspections.
 2. County of San Diego – If you can confirm that they have no food to donate, there is no need for a written agreement with food recovery organizations. However, for capacity planning keep them listed but zero them out and check in occasionally to see if operations have changed.
 - v. San Diego Food Bank – During outreach, encountered a grocery store that stated they had no donatable food. Who should be contacted if a generator does not have a food agreement in place, despite likely having donatable food?
 1. Contact the jurisdiction the generator is located, see the [Regional Guidance Document for jurisdictional contacts](#).
 - vi. Solana Center – What is the level of sorting that needs to be done before donating fresh rescue food?
 1. San Diego Food Bank & Feeding SD – Agreements place onus on generators to sort through their donations and pull products not suitable for human consumption, ensuring donation dumping is at a minimum.
- c. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
- i. Review of local ordinances and reporting
 1. County of San Diego – If your jurisdiction has already passed an SB 1383 compliant ordinance, please complete the summary and corresponding jurisdiction tabs within the [Regional Guidance Document](#).
 - a. Ekolojik – This consolidation helps to streamline information for food banks and partner agencies.
 2. County of San Diego – Future goal for meetings is to shift topics to implementation of programs.
 - ii. Review of food bank standard reporting for partner agencies
 1. I Love to Glean – Regular reporting that is done by agencies for the food banks, agencies will be copying over this data.
 2. Feeding SD – Through MealConnect, receipts are sent on a weekly basis, but not necessarily compiled into a regular report, meant to assist on reporting and record keeping efforts.

- iii. Cross jurisdictional reporting (FRO location v. generator location)
 - 1. Solana Center – Food recovery organizations only need to submit reports to the jurisdictions they are physically located in, reporting gets folded into EAR.
 - 2. County of San Diego – Onus for reporting is on individual food recovery organizations.
 - iv. For CalRecycle: Can all food recovery be reported, or just Tier 1/Tier 2?
 - 1. Ekolojik – Back and forth with CalRecycle regarding how Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators are being identified and reported. CalRecycle said it can be a lump sum of all food rescued and not separated by tiers but currently waiting on a consensus from CalRecycle.
 - 2. Feeding SD – Taking care of the recordkeeping piece by sending out monthly reports to their partners. Currently waiting on response from CalRecycle regarding differentiating between Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators.
 - 3. San Diego Food Bank and Feeding SD – In regard to identifying Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators, happy to compile a list of all partnered food donors by jurisdiction but will require additional information from jurisdictions to do so.
 - d. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion
 - i. None.
 - e. Jurisdictional Reporting
 - i. October 1 – EAR due
 - 1. CY 2021 for AB 939
 - 2. Through June 2022 for MCR/MORE
- 4. SB 1383 – Public Education Resources**
- a. None.
- 5. Grants & funding**
- a. [USDA's Composting & Food Waste Reduction](#) grant (due Sept 1)
 - i. Open to jurisdictions with partners
- 6. Legislation**
- a. Reminder to please put food recovery reporting ordinance language in regional guidance document
- 7. News & Events**
- a. September 14th (live 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EDT) - 2nd USDA Food Loss and Waste Innovation Fair – [Free Registration](#)
- 8. Round Table**
- a. I Love to Glean – Live Well SD is now doing regional meetings on the topics of homelessness, mental health, and food insecurity.
 - b. County of San Diego – The “SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources” section of the agenda/minutes has been updated.

- c. Produce Good – Partnered with Jimbo’s on grocery gleaning service. Volunteers sort through produce and transport any recused foods not fit for retail to over 60 feeding partners. Pilot program at Jimbo’s has recovered close to 1,000 pounds of food across 5 stores that would have been disposed.
 - i. City of Chula Vista – Why were these foods not sorted by the donor?
 1. Produce Good – Not enough time/staffing for that level of sorting, typically sent to compost for convenience. Produce Good’s grocery gleaning service hopes to address this level of sorting.
 - ii. Ekolojik – Would you like to be listed as a regional resource?
 1. Produce Good – Only in those jurisdictions with contracts. Currently contracted with Oceanside, Encinitas, and Escondido.

9. Adjournment

- a. *Next meeting Monday, September 12, 2022 – 10 am – 12 pm*

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
Regional Guidance Document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 and Tier 2 clarifications • List of Edible Food Recovery Organizations • Local Ordinances • California Retail Food Code (DEHQ) • Contacts (jurisdictions, DEHQ, corporations) 	Crowdsourced
Model tools (franchise agreement, edible food recovery agreement)	CalRecycle
Capacity Planning for Jurisdictions	CalRecycle
CalRecycle's web page for food donors	CalRecycle
CalRecycle's web page for food recovery organizations	CalRecycle
SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program	CalRecycle
Waste Free SD – Bin Cleaning Services	County
Tableau Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results Dashboard	County/SDFSA