TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, Monday September 19, 2022: 9:00- 11:00 a.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), Annika Andersen (City of Oceanside), Caitlin Lelles (County of San Diego), Collen Foster (City of Oceanside), Cynthia Quinonez, Elena Quintanar (County of San Diego DEHQ), Eric Wolff (County of San Diego), Jacy Triboulet (Feeding San Diego), 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 San Diego), Madeline Dougherty (County of San Diego), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Mike James, Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon), 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), Stephanie Morris (Jimbo's), 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. Countywide regional surplus of edible food recovery capacity
         1. Continued collaboration and coordination within this group
      ii. Access to Survey Questions for continuation of outreach
      iii. Tableau Results available
      iv. Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results (Updated 9/15/2022)
         1. Additional County outreach is reflected in this document
            a. 8-10 additonal condensed survey responses from July 2022.
         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 received info from the generator and CalRecycle is working with USDA and CDFA to clarify.

      a. County of San Diego – Guidance provided by generator referred to food that fell to the ground preharvest, not food that fell during distribution.

2. Solana Center – Claims from businesses that company policy requires food to be composted rather than donated as soon it hits package expiry date. Consisting mostly of onsite prepared foods and cut fruit.

    a. County of San Diego DEHQ – No specified regulations in CA regulatory food code, suggests reaching out to their corporate office and educating them on CA requirements.

    b. Feeding San Diego – Agency partners are able to receive these kinds of foods up until 3 days past their prepared date or date when fruit was cut. Flag it for the food banks to contact their corporate office.

    c. Jimbo's – Suggest freezing products right before expiration date and giving them to feeding agencies, as opposed to depackaging and composting. When corporate comes up usually its because employees may not understand their policies or perceive recommendations as being excessive/burdensome.

    d. Ekolojik – Suggests caution with donation dumping on food recovery organizations.

        i. City of Oceanside – Lessons from packaged foods and cut fruit can be applied to Tier 2 generators.

    e. Feeding San Diego – 3-day period is set as a precaution, actual expiration period is usually 3-7 days past expiration date. Highlights importance of education on freezing foods after preparation.

  ii. I Love To Glean – How specific are jurisdictions getting on capacity?

    1. Ekolojik – Depends on each jurisdiction and their site visits, some agreements specifically ask for types of foods (dry, frozen, etc). Adding capacity and types of rescued foods on future surveys/site visits will help to understand capacity landscape better.

c. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)

  i. Review of local ordinances and reporting

    1. Presentation – Stephanie Ewalt (see presentation PDF attached with minutes)

    2. Solana Center – Regarding inspections, is it required to inspect food recovery organizations that are not working with Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators?

      a. Ekolojik – They may include them on the list to provide to generators if they want to be contacted directly.

    3. City of Oceanside – Should generators be asked to keep records of any employee, client, and/or homeless food donations that are not made directly to a FRO?

      a. Ekolojik – Not required but deinfitely a best practice.

    4. Ekolojik – Have any cities implemented a reporting method? Example: Provide a regional report that can be sorted by city, generator, and poundage.

      a. Solana Center – Could FROs not partnered with the food banks enter data to a regional sheet?

        b. Ekolojik –If they are not associated with the food banks, FROs need to send report their jurisdiction.

        c. I Love To Glean – Would be very helpful for FROs not partnered with food banks to know the process for reporting.

    ii. CalRecycle FRO out of state food recovery

        1. If food from out of CA is recovered by a FRO in your jurisdiction, do not report it to CalRecycle.

        2. If a generator is donating food to an organization outside of CA, an agreement is not required but generator needs to maintain records (and report if in jurisdiction's ordinance).

   iii. City of Santee - samples of initial communication jurisdictions have with fresh rescue food recovery organizations in their jurisdiction.

        1. Will discuss in October.

  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

    ii. City of San Diego – Report due on October 1st, how many pounds were collected by Tier 1 generators?

        1. Ekolojik – Spoke with CalRecycle, the FROs can just report total of food recovered, not broken out by Tier 1 or Tier 2 generators. Simply note in EAR if the total includes only Tier 1, both Tier 1 and Tier 2, or overall totals.

           a. For jusidictions that receive generator annual reports, note that the EAR requires totals recovered from food recovery organzations in your jurisdiction.

        2. City of Oceanside – Report food recovered based on the physical location of FRO's main office not distribution centers.

   iii. County of San Diego – Reporting for food recovery not required until 2023 EAR. CalRecycle previously stated that jurisdictions may enter 0 lbs of food recovered for 2022 EAR.

4. SB 1383 – Public Education Resources

  a. Food Bank updates

     i. Feeding San Diego flyer (attached with minutes)

5. Grants & funding

  a. Ekolojik – CalRecycle's second round of local assistant funding to jurisdictions will be coming down the pipeline ($180m of funding for SB 1383).

6. Legislation

7. **News & Events**

    a. September 14 - [2nd USDA Food Loss and Waste Innovation Fair](#)
    b. September 29 - [SDFSA 2nd Annual Gathering](#)
    c. November 18 - [San Diego Hunger Coalition 4th Annual State of Hunger](#)

8. **Round Table**
    a. Feeding San Diego – Available to provide corporate contacts as needed.

9. **Adjournment**
    a. *Next meeting Monday, October 10, 2022 – 10 am – 12 pm*

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
[Regional Guidance Document](#) • 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