

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

- Alma Ramirez, City of Escondido
- Avertia Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego DPW
- Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Danielle Osborne, CalRecycle
- Dave Didonato, City of Chula Vista
- Elizabeth Prado, Life Acts
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego DPW
- Emily Creegan, City of San Diego
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Greg McGuire, +BOX
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Jacy Triboulet, Feeding San Diego
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jim Larson, Food Donation Connection
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego DPW
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego DPW
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kayla Thomson, San Diego Food Bank
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kim Ridout, County of San Diego OSEJ
- Kiyonna Navarro, ProduceGood
- Lee Mutter, Sysco
- Leia Berube, Solana Center
- Malika Sen, Solana Center
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Nicholas Vallejo, City of San Diego
- Nicole Gucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Ricardo Rodriguez, City of National City
- Sarah Diaz, Cafeteria Victories
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

2. Public Comments & Communications

- a. Open Comments
 - i. County of San Diego – [County of San Diego Edible Food Recovery Working Group Participant Feedback Form](#)
 - i. Please complete this voluntary form to help keep our contact list up-to-date and to provide ideas on topics you'd like to cover in future meetings.
 - ii. County of San Diego – Food Justice Community Action Plan provided to Board of Supervisors: [Dec 11, 2024](#)
 - i. Actions were selected for detailed implementation and fiscal impacts, with a memo/report back due **April 2025**, ahead of budget hearings. OSEJ

- is collaborating with County departments to identify implementation steps and potential fiscal costs and resources.
- ii Items 3a, 3b, 3c selected for action impact Edible Food Recovery. Can follow up on these items by visiting the [FJCAP website](#) and [reviewing the past actions](#).
- iii. Regional SB1383 Organics Collection & Edible Food Recovery Resource page is now live – webpage share and resource overview
 - i [San Diego County Regional SB 1383 Resources](#)
 - ii I Love to Glean Clay – Nice to see this resource is available. I would suggest adding the link to residential gleaners: www.sandiegogleaners.org. The webpage currently has a redirect on it to www.sdfsa.org.
 - a) San Diego Food Bank – Could add under Food Recovery Resources since gleaning-type donors are often not required by SB1383.
- iii County of San Diego – Webpage also debuts with 2 new educational videos and 7 new edible food recovery sector guides.

3. SB 1383 – Implementation, Discussion, Q&A

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion
 - i. City of Escondido – Ran into a situation where we learned a week before that attendance for one of our events would be 5,000 people, resulting in a hard turn around for FROs to pick up during the weekend. If anyone has resources or advice on implementing EFR programs for Tier 2 large events, please contact Gio Cortes at gio.cortes@escondido.gov.
 - i Solana Center – Staff try to meet with event organizers a month prior to the event to confirm occupancy and survey food vendors. Staff have yet to conduct inspections on the day of, only virtual inspections prior to the event.
 - ii County of San Diego DPW – The County’s Community Event Permit (CEP) process has been a good opportunity to ask those questions during the planning stages. Suggest also looking at large event/venue guides located on [San Diego County Regional SB 1383 Resources](#).
 - iii City of Chula Vista – This whole program is new for businesses and will take some time to get used to. It’s important for jurisdictions to keep organizations informed but also understand the challenges from a DEHQ standpoint.
 - iv City of Coronado – During the city’s application process, if the attendance looks close to meeting the threshold, staff go ahead and meet with organizers. When events occurred outside, most foods could not meet the temperature requirements and were not donated. Most donations consisted of dried goods.
 - v City of Escondido – Also concerns with wanting to ensure that FROs pickups are worthwhile and meet the pickup minimum.

- a) I Love to Glean – Happy to work with the City of Escondido to develop a plan, located in Imperial Beach, contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org and 619-598-4912.
 - vi County of San Diego DPW – Would also suggest reaching out to DEHQ for any questions from event organizers.
 - vii Feeding San Diego – Weekend events can also be tricky to schedule pickups at those later hours. If event organizers can collect and store food safely and hold product until Monday, this tends to work out much better for the food banks.
- ii. CalRecycle – Regarding skilled nursing facilities: Health and Safety Code exemptions reference intermediate care facilities which include skilled nursing facilities; therefore, those Health and Safety Codes could apply to all senior care living facilities. Ultimately up to the jurisdiction on how strict they would like to be regarding inspection and enforcement.
 - i Solana Center – To clarify, all senior facilities, regardless of the number of skilled nursing beds, could qualify for this exemption?
 - a) CalRecycle – Jurisdictions have the discretion to decide that. Some regulations exempt skilled nursing facilities but not all, so the exemption could be applied. Therefore, Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) would not be considered a health facility and would be exempt from tier 2 requirements.
- c. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Myths and Challenges
 - i. DEHQ – Q&A
 - 1. **Ongoing request:** All jurisdictions to add and/or update their resources on [Regional Guidance Document](#) under the tab Jurisdiction & DEH Contacts
 - a. County of San Diego DPW – Reminder to update “Jurisdiction & DEH Contacts” as needed.
 - b. County of San Diego DPW – Please add any organics recycling resources to the “Organics Resources for FROs” tab.
 - 2. Food Donation Connection – If a donor uses time in lieu of temperature and food is wasted, do they need to have anything onsite explaining the reasoning?
 - a. County of San Diego DPW – It is always best practice to have processes and procedures documented in some capacity to have something to show an inspector later.
 - b. County of San Diego DPW – There are a variety of requirements businesses must abide by when it comes to temperature controls.
 - i. A business may be using time as Public Health Control as allowed and outlined in the CA Retail Food Code (overseen by DEHQ), which does require time documentation and written procedures.
 - ii. As for SB1383 guidance, that guidance will likely vary

- from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. There also may be corporate temperature hold times and log requirements mandated by corporate entities (will vary by business) to maintain quality of food.
 - iii. Donors are advised to verify with each entity to ensure this information is documented and retained appropriately for each regulatory requirement
- d. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
- e. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
- f. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion – none

4. SB 1383 – Public Education Resources

- a. Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council:
 - i. [San Diego Regional Food Systems GIS Map](#) (General link)
 - ii. [Additional GIS Map – FRO to Generator travel distance and connection \(not for general public yet\) –](#) (Available to the EFR working group only.)
 - i North County Food Policy Council – Intern is experiencing some health issue; projects may be delayed.
 - ii North County Food Policy Council – Team has been working on revising City of Coronado's maps at assist with grant funding.
 - a) Currently no FROs are based in Coronado and all of Coronado's generators work with FROs outside of their jurisdiction.
 - i Revising Coronado maps to show 3 map layers: FROs, Coronado Tier 1s and 2s, and donation sites.
 - ii City of Coronado - Community grant programs are typically intended for organizations within your jurisdiction, revised map will allow us to make a case for some of those funds to be utilized for FROs that are located outside of Coronado.
 - iii North County Food Policy Council – Is the Coronado Baptist Church a FRO?
 - a) City of Coronado – No, our team has confirmed they are not actively recovering.
- b. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - i. San Diego Food Bank – No updates.
 - ii. Feeding San Diego – 2025 Annual Agency Summit on May 30 at Liberty Station Conference Center
- c. I Love to Glean – Livewell South County Food Insecurity Working Group will be facilitating trauma informed trainings in June & August.
 - i. There will be two 2-hour training courses by Leah's Pantry. Looking for feeding volunteers.

- i June 9th – 2:00-4:00PM
- ii August 11th – 2:00-4:00PM

5. Grants & funding

a. HFFI Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund (HFFI FARE Fund):

- i. Eligible applicant entities include for-profit business enterprises (including a corporation, limited liability company, sole proprietor, public benefit corporation); cooperatively owned businesses; tax-exempt nonprofit corporations; institutions of higher education; state and local governments and governmental agencies, authorities, commissions and food policy councils; tribal governments and tribal governmental agencies, authorities, and food policy councils.
- ii. The HFFI FARE Fund could assist a variety of organizations, business models, and capital needs of ventures that process, distribute, aggregate, market, and sell healthy, fresh, and affordable foods to underserved communities and markets.
- iii. Multiple rounds of grant application deadlines ~~12/12/2024~~, **05/01/2025**, and **10/02/2025**. Loans and technical assistance funding inquiry forms accepted on rolling basis.

6. Legislation

- a. AB 337 - bill looks at expanding funding opportunities available under SB 1383 but specifically for food recovery efforts.
 - i. County of San Diego – can report back next month
 - ii. County of San Diego DPW – EFR projects are eligible for gas grant reduction fund. Light on details of how much funding is available, depending on budget appropriations.
 - iii. CalRecycle – Funding for EFR grants don't have to flow through a jurisdiction, can be granted directly to a FRO or other eligible entity. CalRecycle will be keeping an eye on this bill.
- b. AB1046 - Short-lived climate pollutants: recovered organic waste product: food processing establishments — As amended March 27th
- c. SB353 - Income tax: credits: food banks.

7. News & Events

- a. CalRecycle info sessions:
 - i. Email Distribution: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/>
 - ii. [SB1383 Chat w CalRecycle Past Recordings](#)
 - iii. Summer TBD – Large Events & Venues Organic Recycling Topic Area
- b. [Edible Food Recovery Technical Council \(CRRA\)](#), second Tuesday of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. – no membership needed. Contact Annika Andersen for info on resources or mtgs

- c. 4/16: 9:00AM - 10:30AM VIRTUAL. Please contact Craig Jones or visit their [website](#) to sign up for more info.
- d. 4/23 - Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Working Group.
Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more information.
9:00AM-10:00AM - Virtual
- e. 4/7 – 4/13: [Food Waste Prevention Week](#)
- f. 4/30 – 5/2: [International Gleaning Symposium](#) – Providence, RI (Also by Zoom)
- g. 6/23 – 6/25: [ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit](#) – Seattle, WA

8. Round Table

- a. Future Topics? Troubleshooting restaurants? Discussion on how to collaborate across jurisdictions and with FRO's – how to streamline processes (reporting, capacity planning), lessons learned.
 - i. North County Food Policy Council - Zoom link for the NCFPC tomorrow at 9am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87205627139?pwd=6YyVs3M9QXc1LaR7rTHZ0i8v10bq.1> Meeting ID: 872 0562 7139. Passcode: 129106

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, May 20th from 1-3pm

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