

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, February 18th, 2025, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

- Alex Christie, City of Escondido
- Annika Andersen, HF&H
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Danielle Osborne, CalRecycle
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Dave Di Donato, City of Chula Vista
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Jacy Triboulet, Feeding San Diego
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kate Garrett, Feeding San Diego
- Kayla Thomson, San Diego Food Bank
- Kim Ridout, County of San Diego, Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego,
- Kiyonna Navarro, ProduceGood
- Leia Berube, Solana Center
- Lydia Donahue, Food Donation Connection
- Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Ricardo Rodriguez, City of National City
- Valeria Collins, City of San Marcos

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. Optional survey. Contact information provided will allow County to update email distribution list and, in the event any questions arise that can't be answered during the meeting, they can be forwarded appropriately. The survey also gives a chance for folks to comment on things you like about the meetings, want to improve, or suggest presenters/topics.
 - ii. County of San Diego - Food Justice Community Action Plan provided to Board of

Supervisors: [Dec 11, 2024](#)

- i 13 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 County of San Diego, Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ): An “Engage” website will be updated once information is available.
 - a) North County Food Policy Council: Asks about the timeline and should we expect any delays on this for any reason.
 - b) OSEJ: Don’t foresee anything derailing the timeline. Holding the timing is very important because of the influence it will have on the next fiscal year budget coming in June.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process - none
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion – none
- 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
 - County of San Diego: DEHQ regional hub webpage should be shared soon.
 - Request for jurisdictions: Please input information on organics managenet resources for FROs (this is on a separate tab – “Organics Resources for FROs”)
 - 2. Solana Center: Has heard a few times that health care facilities are worried about the process and the logs that need to be maintained, it’s very time consuming and burdensome. Could a onetime check be sufficient?
 - DEHQ (following meeting): Code does not require that logs be completed, but it does require that potentially hazardous food be properly cooled and the best way to know that it is - is to verify and document in a log. The logs are recommended, but it is not required. Nuances may exist when those facilities are regulated by CDPH.
 - 3. Solana Center: Received clarification with CalRecycle regarding residential care facilities in the context of EFR – These facilities do not qualify as commercial edible food generators (Tier 2) regardless of their cafeteria/dining area size, and should not be regulated as such under SB

1383. This is per different State codes noted below by CalRecycle.

- CalRecycle: Here is where we landed on why they are not a CEEG: "14 CCR section 18982(a)(34) provides, "'Health facility' has the same meaning as in Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code." Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code defines health facility as "a facility, place, or building that is organized, maintained, and operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness, physical or mental, including convalescence and rehabilitation and including care during and after pregnancy, or for any one or more of these purposes, for one or more persons, to which the persons are admitted for a 24-hour stay or longer" and includes skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and nursing facilities. See Health and Safety Code section 1250, subds. (c), (d), and (k).

Section 18982(a)(74)(c) further provides that a tier two commercial edible food generator means: "[h]ealth facility with an on-site food facility and 100 or more beds." A residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) provides a lower level of care than a skilled nursing facility. A RCFE cannot accept or retain a resident who "requires 24-hour, skilled nursing or intermediate care." See 22 CCR section 87455(c)(2). In addition, a RCFE is not required to employ licensed nurses. 22 C.C.R. section 87411. However, a RCFE could be considered a tier two commercial edible food generator health facility if it qualifies as a health facility as outlined in Health and Safety Code section 1250 and the RCFE has more than 100 beds."

- Jurisdictions across CA may interpret the CalRecycle mandate in different ways
 - City of Carlsbad: Confirmed the City hasn't considered the facilities to be EFG since the effective date.

d. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits

- i. Solana Center: Have seen a significant increase in FRO understanding of the reporting and record keeping requirements compared to previous years. FRO visits have been focused on the organization's capacity this year, especially concerning prepared foods. Received a variety of answers from the FROs.

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

- i. City of San Diego: City has about 60 FROs to oversee. Reports were due on January 31st. 2 reminder emails were sent about the deadline, some organizations needed additional reminders to report. Found that FROs have a lot of turnover and contacts change often so finding alternative ways to reach them is crucial (e.g., email, phone, letters). City will be sending a letter to all FROs that haven't submitted. FROs are able to submit after the deadline.

- ii. County of San Diego: Also had a January 31st deadline. County has 19 FROs. Started reaching out to FROs through different methods in December. A Reporting FAQ document was sent along with notifications. Hoped to have a swifter response from FROs than we did. The reports submitted were more thorough than last year. County observed changes in FROs operations (some EFR work on hold affecting lbs. from last year). Currently compiling the data received in the reports and should be releasing the total poundage soon.
- iii. City of Chula Vista: Are the FROs you heard from affiliated with food banks or are the majority not? Were the reports received [by County and City of San Diego] from the foodbanks?
 - i. County of San Diego: Majority of reports were affiliated with food banks. Only 1 or 2 FROs have outside partners. FROs partnering with foodbanks typically had ready access to reports.
 - ii. Feeding San Diego: FSD's tracking program is Meal Connect. FROs submit receipts directly to the platform. FSD offers specialized trainings for the FROs on how to use the platform. There are lots of reasons for the delay in FROs reporting: Timing, they're mainly volunteer based, lots of turnover, could be overwhelmed with other end of year reporting. Jurisdictions can remind FROs of the data available on the website or tell them to reach out directly to FSD for support. If a jurisdiction needs additional support getting FRO reports, you can reach out to FSD and FSD can try to pull it for you.
 - iii. North County Food Policy Council: Is there funding opportunities from the State that could help FROs with the reporting burdens?
 - a) City of San Diego: The CalRecycle Local Assistance Grant allows a jurisdiction to use some of the funds for supporting food recovery capacity.
 - iv. Food Donation Connection: All reports are provided to FROs, and trainings are offered to FROs every month to learn/remind on what to do.
- 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)
 - i. Publicly available tool. This map provides an understanding of where food insecurity is, where needs are being met or are not being met.
 - ii. Map will be revised to categorize the 30+ layers for easier navigation.
 - ii. [Additional GIS Map – FRO to Generator travel distance and connection \(not for general public yet\) –](#) (Available to the EFR working group only.)
 - i. Mapping platform specifically related to SB 1383 activities in San Diego region. City of Chula Vista's FRO information is now updated. Reach out to [Craig Jones](#) if jurisdictions want to contribute additional data to the map.

- b. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - i. Feeding San Diego: Feeding San Diego is happy to provide data and food recovery support to jurisdictions if you are open to collaborating on Local Assistance Grant funding opportunities! We can provide data on the big box retailers and of course the FROs as needed. Please feel free to reach out to FSD directly if this interests you at all, or if you have any questions - kgarrett@feedingsandiego.org
 - ii. San Diego Food Bank: Reach out for any additional support!

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.
- b. **Grant Opportunity Announcement: EPA Thriving Communities Grant Program**
 The International Community Foundation (ICF) and its partners are excited to announce the launch of the EPA Thriving Communities Grant Program, which will provide \$48 million in funding to support disadvantaged communities addressing critical environmental and health issues.
 - i. Orgs working in clean water access and building healthier more resilient communities focus areas
 - ii. Award amt ranging from \$150,000 to \$350,000 to eligible nonprofits, local governments, grassroots organizations, and communities in San Diego, Orange, and Imperial counties. Special outreach will be conducted for Spanish-speaking and U.S.-Mexico border communities
 - i **Application Portal Opens: January 15, 2025 ([click here to access the application process](#))**
 - ii **Rolling Application Review:** Submit early for priority consideration
- c. **San Diego Foundation Grants - Escondido Community Foundation**
 - i. Orgs working in food access space can apply

- ii. Applicants can be 501(c)3 public charity, or an organization that is fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3, a school or other government agency
 - iii. Award amt \$15,000 up to \$40,000
 - iv. **Deadline to apply by March 24th by 5pm**
- d. UCSD Center for Community Health Growing Equity – Funding Urban Agriculture
 - i. Offering \$250,000 in total funding in 2025 to eligible San Diego County entities promoting community food sovereignty and health equity through urban agriculture.
 - ii. 10 awards of \$10,000, 3 awards of \$50,000
 - iii. Must be located in or directly serve a CA Climate Investments Priority Population. Must be 501(c)3, Tribal organization, business.
 - iv. **Application due March 1, 2025.**
- e. CDFA Farm to Community Food Hubs Grant
 - i. CDFA's Farm to Community Food Hubs Program has up to \$13.75 million available to award in competitive grants for organizations developing and expanding community food hubs in California.
 - ii. For new and existing community food hubs. Community food hubs are defined as organizations that purchase food from and provide aggregation, distribution, and/or marketing services for multiple local/regional CA food producers to strengthen their ability to reach wholesale, retail, or institutional markets.
 - iii. Track 1 – Planning – award amount \$50,000 - \$250,000 up to 24 months
 - iv. Track 2 – Infrastructure & Operations – award amount \$350,000 - \$2,000,000 for 60 months
 - v. **Applications due 5pm PDT April 14, 2025.**

6. Legislation

- a. County of San Diego: AB 337, bill looks at expanding funding opportunities available under SB 1383 but specifically for food recovery efforts.

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 (CRR), 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. North County Food Policy Meeting – March 19th from 9:00AM - 10:30AM. Please contact Craig Jones or visit their website to sign up for more info.
- d. 2/26 9am-10am - Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Working Group. Province House, located at 4370 Sweetwater Road,

Bonita, CA 91902. Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more information.

- e. 2/14 1PM PST Zero Food Waste Forum [SB1383 Regulatory and Legislative Brainstorming Webinar](#)
 - i. Feeding San Diego: Lots of jurisdictions, less FROs, some companies. Shared on challenges with funding. How to best communicate to FROs that SB 1383 targets are not solely on them but also on the commercial edible food generators.
 - ii. I Love to Glean: Webinar spoke about Tier 2 challenges, especially concerning infrastructure. There's not a regional location that FROs and FRSs can take food back to so they must transfer directly from one place to the next.
- f. 2/26 - [Zero Waste Symposium](#)
- g. 4/7 – 4/13: [Food Waste Prevention Week](#)
- h. 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: Use the map to collaborate and coordinate.
 - ii. The [ReFED grant tracker](#) is a great tool to follow relevant funding opportunities.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, March 18th 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