SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Location:** Virtual Meeting **Join the meeting now**

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

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-todate and to provide ideas on topics you'd like to cover in future meetings.
 - ii. New meeting invite for FY sent out, same login info please reach out if you have trouble accessing
 - iii. Presentation: Feeding It Forward by Margaret Perry presentation covering large event food recovery efforts in Napa Valley's Bottlerock Festival

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
- b. Tier 1 & 2 Questions & Discussion
- c. Site Visits/Inspections DEHQ Myths and Challenges
- 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.)
- b. ReFED employee engagement resources webpage
 - i. Open source and free to use

5. Grants & funding

National

a. Chef Ann Foundation - Bulk Milk Grants for Schools

i. Schools are required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to offer students milk with every lunch or breakfast they serve. Most schools today serve milk in disposable cartons or plastic bottles. With 31+ million lunches and 13+ million breakfasts served every single school day, year after year, milk packaging and liquid waste is one of the biggest sources of waste generated by school food programs. Bulk Milk grants provide eligible schools across the country nearly everything they need to transition from serving milk in single-use cartons or bottles to serving milk in bulk. This includes bulk milk dispensers, staff training, marketing materials, and technical assistance. For more information, please visit: https://www.chefannfoundation.org/what-we-do/bulk-milk/. Applications are due June 26, 2025.

b. USDA's **Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)** application period is open!

- i. FMPP offers four different project types, ranging from 24 to 36 months.
- ii. Please refer the website for additional information, including eligible entities and application details. The floor for FMPP awards is \$50,000, with a ceiling of \$500,000 (depending upon project type). An important note: there is a cost share/match requirement of 25% cash or in-kind contribution. Applications are due June 27, 2025.

c. The **Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)** application period is also open!

- i. Similar to the FMPP, LFPP offers four different project types, ranging from 24 to 36 months. Eligible entities may apply if they support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products. The floor for LFPP awards is \$25,000, with a ceiling of \$500,000 (depending upon project type). Visit the program page for additional information, including application details. An important note: there is a cost share/match requirement of 25% cash or in-kind contribution. Applications are due June 27, 2025.
- d. A third funding opportunity is available: the **Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP)**.
 - i. RFSP offers two types of projects: a 24-month Planning and Design

project (\$100,000 to \$250,000), and 36-month Implementation and Expansion project (\$250,000 to \$1,000,000). Eligible entities include producers, farmer or rancher cooperatives, community supported agriculture networks or associations, food councils, local governments, nonprofit corporations, regional farmers market authorities, and tribal governments, among others. Refer to the webpage for additional details. An important note: a 25% cash match is required. Applications are due June 27, 2025.

e. <u>HFFI Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund (HFFI FARE Fund):</u>

- i. Eligible applicant entities include for-profit business enterprises (including a corporation, limited liability company, sole proprietor, public benefit corporation); cooperatively owned businesses; taxexempt 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 arounds 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.

Local

a. Efficient Refrigeration Program (Farms Eligible!)

i. San Diego Community Power is offering free energy-efficient refrigerators and freezers to help local corner stores, small businesses, and nonprofits stock California-grown produce, dairy, meat, eggs, and culturally appropriate foods. This initiative supports energy savings and access to fresh, healthy foods in low-income and low-food-access areas. Eligible participants must be SDCP commercial customers and meet basic criteria, including location and food benefit acceptance. Learn more and apply here.

b. San Diego Foundation - Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation Grant

- i. Community enhancement grant \$1,500 to \$10,000 to programs that inspire community pride, revitalization and increase the quality of life of the broader community
- ii. Applicant organizations must have tax-exempt status and provide services in Rancho Bernardo

- iii. 1 yr grant cycle
- iv. Due 06/15/2025 by 5pm PST

c. Catalyst - San Diego Resilient Response Fund

- i. Offers short-term, timely support to nonprofit and community organizations facing challenges caused by changes in federal policy or funding. The goal is to provide flexible resources that help organizations adapt, respond, and remain resilient in a shifting landscape. Applicant orgs must primarily work within SD County.
- ii. Amt varies depending on funding areas requested: event & meeting support (up to \$1K), immediate org needs (up to \$10K), strategic response (up to \$20K), collaborative response (up to \$30K)
- iii. Submit your application at any time grant review and awards will continue on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. As of 6/4/25, the total available is \$275,000.

2. Legislation

- a. AB 337 bill looks at expanding funding opportunities available under SB 1383 but specifically for food recovery efforts.
 - i. Passed out of appropriations but is now parked
- b. <u>AB1046</u> Short-lived climate pollutants: recovered organic waste product: food processing establishments As amended March 27th
 - i. Passed out of appropriations and has moved forward in the senate
- SB353 Income tax: credits: food banks.
 - i. Passed in the senate and is moving forward in the assembly

3. 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
- 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. 6/18: North County Food Polic Council Mtg 9:00AM 10:30AM at TBD. Please contact Craig Jones or visit their <u>website</u> to sign up for more info.
- d. 6/25 Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Working Group. Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more information. 9:00AM-10:00AM at TBD. Hosted at the Providence House in Chula Vista.
- e. 6/23 6/25: ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit Seattle, WA
- f. 7/21 7/31: Smart Kitchen Summit 2025
- g. 10/16 10/17: Food Rescue (Hero) Conference (virtual; accepting proposals)

4. 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.

5. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, July 15th from 1-3pm

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
San Diego County Regional SB 1383 Resources	County
Regional SB1383 Organics Collection & Edible Food Recovery Resource page is now live (hosted on DEHQ webpage)	
Regional Guidance Document Tier 1 and Tier 2 clarifications	Crowdsourced
 List of Edible Food Recovery Organizations Local Ordinances California Retail Food Code (DEHQ) Contacts (jurisdictions, DEHQ, corporations) 	