

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

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

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

- Alexander Galasso, City of San Diego
- Alma Ramirez, City of Escondido
- Annika Andersen, HF&F Consultants
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego DPW
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&F Consultants
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Danielle Osborne, CalRecycle
- Dave Didonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego DPW
- Emily Creegan, City of San Diego
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Jacy Triboulet, Feeding San Diego
- Janin Rodarte, City of Escondido
- Jim Larson, Food Donation Connection
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego DPW
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kate Garrett, Feeding San Diego
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kim Ridout, County of San Diego OSEJ
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego DPW
- Kiyonna Navarro, ProduceGood
- Lauren Short, City of San Diego
- Leia Berube, Solana Center
- Lydia Donahue, Food Donation Connection
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Myla Barker, County of San Diego OES
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Paul Maechler, City of Encinitas
- Priscilla Flores, City of Oceanside
- Ricardo Rodriguez, City of National City
- Sarah Diaz, Cafeteria Victories
- Valery ODerio, San Diego Food Bank
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

2. Public Comments & Communications

- a. Open Comments
 - i. City of Santee – Link to Regional Guidance Document was not working in last Month's minutes.

- i County of San Diego DPW – Will look into the error, link to Regional Guidance Document will also be included in the email containing the minutes.
 - ii City of San Diego – Lauren Short will be temporarily taking over Polina Osipova’s role for the City of San Diego lshort@sanidiego.gov.
- ii. 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 covered in future meeting
- iii. 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](#).
 - a) City of Chula Vista – Question regarding next steps for FJCAP and will specific action items, such as those relating to EFR, be prioritized?
 - i County of San Diego OSEJ – Findings and fiscal analysis to be provided to the board in April ahead of budget. Budget hearing in May with opportunity for public comment regarding budget.
 - ii County of San Diego OSEJ – Further analysis may be requested depending on the Board’s decision. It is up to the Board to determine which action items are feasible within the budget.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
 - i. City of Chula Vista – How many jurisdictions have started enforcement with businesses?
 - i City of Encinitas – Have issued a few Notices of Violation (NOVs) but have not yet needed to issue monetary citations. Violations are being treated as any other code.
 - ii City of Carlsbad – Issued 2 notices of noncompliance, no admin citations have been provided yet. Currently building out citation process.
 - iii County of San Diego – County has issued financial penalties to sites (less than 10 so far), but admin warnings have been successful in deterring continued noncompliance.
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion
 - i. City of Chula Vista – Wanting clarification on last month’s discussion on

residential care facilities not qualifying as health facility or Tier 2 generator.

- i CalRecycle – If a residential care facility is providing additional levels of care (such skilled nursing care), that’s when they would be considered a health facility and could later be considered a Tier 2 generator if they have an onsite food facility and 100 or more beds.

- a) CalRecycle – No specific examples available currently.

- i County of San Diego – If there are opportunities to share examples that would be helpful.

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. County of San Diego DPW – Final review wrapping up in the coming weeks, webpage should hopefully be ready by the next month’s meeting
3. Feeding San Diego – Working on creating a new food recovery agreement template for property managers/companies (plazas, malls, etc.).
4. Feeding San Diego – According to DEHQ, property managers cannot simply create a new centralized food space for food recovery, must be integrated into an existing facility. If new equipment is needed, it likely needs to be run through DEHQ for code compliance.
5. 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?
 - 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.

d. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits

- i. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation – Following comparisons, FRO annual reports are being submitted on time and FRO reporting has been more accurate.
- ii. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation – Heard concerns from a handful of FROs regarding intentional spoilage
 - i County of San Diego DPW – Recommend FROs to reach food bank contacts regarding intentional spoilage or if they are receiving a surplus and additional distribution is needed.
- iii. County of San Diego – Wrapping up with the County’s data, analysis needed and will report to the group at a later point

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

- f. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion – none
 - i. Solana Center – Some FROs have expressed a significant decrease in the amount of food donations that they’re receiving.
 - i I Love to Glean – Have heard from multiple organizations that less food is coming in from the Food Banks as well.
 - ii County of San Diego – Generators might be a bit more mindful of food going out the door and programs may be maturing leading to less donations.
 - a) Feeding San Diego – Currently doing an analysis to see if that is what they’re observing from each individual store. Overall FSD is up in overall pounds. Store are trying to button up their programs
 - iii City of Chula Vista – Was the reduction of donation food because of improvements in programs or something else?
 - iv City of Encinitas – Cities could verify this trend with their generator reports.
 - a) County – Some jurisdictions don’t receive reports from generators, but this could be insightful for those cities that do.
 - b) Feeding San Diego – Working to create a mechanism on total waste received from each generator (donated pounds minus waste).
 - ii. County of San Diego DPW – One of our FROs expressed concerns with decreases in farm production and lessened FEMA food donations.
 - i Feeding San Diego – [Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program \(LFPA\)](#) – Federal program to assist local farms with improving food and agriculture supply chain resiliency.
 - a) Feeding San Diego – There has been a reduction in growers, but growers may also be selling more.

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 Reach out to [Craig Jones](#) if jurisdictions want to contribute additional data to the map.
 - ii North County Food Policy Council - Monthly North County Food Policy Council meeting tomorrow at 9AM
 - iii City of Chula Vista – Can this map be added to city websites and shared with FROs and generators.
 - a) North County Food Policy Council – Yes, link is fully public.
- b. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - i. Feeding San Diego – Food recovery agreements for generators recently made available on food donor portal. Team has also made efforts to print and deliver hard copies.
 - i Sent out monthly donation reports on the 10th or 15th where updates are

shared.

- ii Food rescue team has a new button in their signature that directs public to Feeding San Diego's food portal.

- a) Food Donor Portal: <https://feedingsandiego.org/food-donor-portal/>

- ii. San Diego Food Bank – No updates.

- c. EPA releases updated [Excess Food Opportunities Map](#)! Several data layers have been updated, including Food Banks, Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens and the Composting data set.
- d. LeanPath and Culinary Institute of America host "Food Repurposing" Webinar: Learn about why excess food happens, why repurposing that food matters, and how to best make a case for a repurposing program. Highlights of the conversation can be found [here](#) (free)
- e. 3/11, 4/8, 5/13: [NRDC x Raftelis Workshop Series: Funding Food Waste Reduction Projects](#) (National Resources Defense Council) (free)
- f. 3/27: [How to Start a Food Rescue: Getting Started with Food Donors](#) (Food Rescue Hero) (free)
- g. I Love to Glean – Livewell South County Food Insecurity Working Group will be facilitating trauma informed trainings in June & August (dates still being decided).

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. [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. [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. Upcoming – March 19th 1-3pm Implementing Organic Waste Recycling in Multifamily Housing
 - iv. 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 at the North County Food Bank (Address: 3030 Enterprise Ct., Vista). Please contact Craig Jones or visit their [website](#) to sign up for more info.
- d. 3/26 - Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Working Group. Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more information. 9-

10AM

- e. 2/26 - [Zero Waste Symposium](#)
 - i. City of Encinitas – First time attendee! Big shoutout to organizers and everyone that presented.
 - ii. City of Chula Vista – ZWS is always a wealth of knowledge, appreciate the new format for receiving and answering questions.
- f. 4/7 – 4/13: [Food Waste Prevention Week](#)
- 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. City of Santee – If anyone has a staff report that they are willing to share that has justifications for requesting additional staff support for SB 1383 (and other solid waste items), please email hheckman@cityofsantee.ca.gov.
 - ii. I Love to Glean – Received first dozen survey results from 2024 flood victims, will be following up to better understand how to address their needs (food insecurity, damage, etc.). Will also be reaching out to 16 other organizations in the area for assistance.
 - iii. County of San Diego OFS – Connection made through Karen Clay. The County's Office of Emergency Services is looking to collaborate with the food recovery working group and reconvene with their planning team. Kudos to this working group and for any questions please contact Myla Barker at Myla.Barker@sdcounty.ca.gov.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, April 15th 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