SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Location:** Virtual Meeting **Join the meeting now**

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

- Alex Kim, Hennepin County
- Alma Ramirez, City of Escondido
- Annika Andersen, HF&H Consultants
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego DPW
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- Danielle Osborne, CalRecycle
- Diana Jamaleddine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego DPW
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Jacy Triboulet, Feeding San Diego
- Janin Rodarte, City of Escondido
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jenny Kedward, Hennepin County
- Jim Larson, Food Donation Connection
- Joshua Keyton, 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
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego DPW
- Kiyonna Navarro, ProduceGood
- Larissa Amaral, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
- Lauren Short, City of San Diego
- Leia Berube, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
- Leslie D. McCollam, Ramsey County
- Lydia Donahue, Food Donation Connection
- Matthew Kissel
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Valery ODerio, San Diego Food Bank
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

2. Public Comments & Communications

- a. Open Comments
 - County of San Diego County of San Diego Edible Food Recovery Working Group Participant Feedback Form
 - 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. Presentation: Minneapolis Area Food Donation Programs by Jenny Kedward (Hennepin County, Food Waste Prevention Specialist) & Leslie Duling McCollam (Ramsey County, Joint Activities Program Coordinator)
 - i Presentations attached to minutes
 - ii Q&A
 - a) North County Food Policy Council What are the funding sources for these programs?
 - i Hennepin County Minnesota has a 9.7% tax on residential services and 17% for commercial and industrial services. Hennepin and Ramsey counties have an additional 38.5% trash fee for businesses. Counties redistribute tax revenue through grants.
 - ii Ramsey County Additional tax on trash going into county environmental charge, County has been generous with funding food waste prevention programs.
 - b) HF&H Consultants For inspection process, are you inspecting any other items or areas (food safety, stormwater, fog inspections, etc.) when speaking with certain business or are your inspections strictly focused on waste?
 - Hennepin County Depends on the inspector, our inspections focus primarily on waste-related issued within ordinance.
 - ii Hennepin County Plan to align more with our Environmental Health Department, who currently conducts most of the inspections at restaurants. 5 cities have their own Environmental Health Departments.
 - c) County of San Diego It can be difficult to establish partnerships with small businesses, do you have any tips or successes to share for the group?
 - Ramsey County Joint agreements between multiple counties have provided more leeway to design our own systems.
 - ii Ramsey County Understanding what is required vs what is nice to have to reduce pushback and barriers.
 - iii Ramsey County Establishing cooperative agreements with an MOU makes process a lot faster and easier to receive funding.
- iii. County of San Diego Food Justice Community Action Plan update by OSEJ
 - i County of San Diego OSEJ Feel free to check out the County's Engage webpage: Food Justice Community Action Plan | Engage San Diego County and be on the lookout for an email notification on any new FJCAP updates in the coming days.

- iv. I Love to Glean Reminder regarding upcoming trauma informed trainings (see New & Events section).
 - i County of San Diego DPW A flyer will also be sent out by email with the minutes.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
- b. Tier 1 & 2 Questions & Discussion
 - i. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation Have observed businesses not fully utilizing their agreements and missing the mark on what these programs are meant for. If records aren't being maintained or donations aren't being maximized, Solana Center staff are needing to connect those dots for the business and assist with improving programs.
 - i County of San Diego DPW Any specific types of generators?
 - a) Solana Center for Environmental Innovation Restaurants and supermarkets
- c. Site Visits/Inspections DEHQ Myths and Challenges
 - i. DEHQ Q&A
 - Ongoing request: All jurisdictions to add and/or update their resources on <u>Regional Guidance Document</u> 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.
- d. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
 - i. County of San Diego DPW County staff to later present on 2024 Edible Food Recovery data/trends.
- e. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
 - i. County to share reporting data
 - ii. CalRecycle Jurisdictions must ensure that published lists of local food recovery organizations contain all required information and are updated annually at a minimum.
 - i Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 18985.2 Edible Food Recovery Education and Outreach | State Regulations | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute
- 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 North County Food Policy Council Utilizing a cohort of Palomar College students to update several map layers.

- ii North County Food Policy Council 2 sets of San Diego Hunger Coalition data has been added, including estimate of persons eligible for CalFresh and estimates areas by zip code in need of meals).
- 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 Christian no longer able to assist with updating GIS maps due to medical reasons.
- b. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - i. San Diego Food Bank No updates.
 - ii. Feeding San Diego Upcoming Feeding San Diego Partner Agency Summit on Friday, May 30th.
- c. I Love to Glean Livewell South County Food Insecurity Working Group will be facilitating trauma informed trainings. There will be two 2-hour training courses by Leah's Pantry. Looking for feeding volunteers. See flyer for more info.
 - i June 9th 2:00-4:00PM
 - ii August 11th 2:00-4:00PM

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!
 - FMPP offers four different project types, ranging from 24 to 36 months.
 - ii. Please refer <u>the website</u> 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. 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; 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!)

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.

6. Legislation

- a. AB 337 bill looks at expanding funding opportunities available under SB 1383 but specifically for food recovery efforts.
- b. <u>AB1046</u> 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
 - iv. May 21st 1-3 pm: SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle Jurisdiction Inspection and Enforcement
- 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 website to sign up for more info.
- d. 5/27 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. 4/30 5/2: International Gleaning Symposium Providence, RI (Also by Zoom)
- f. 5/30 Feeding San Diego Partner Agency Summit
- g. 6/23 6/25: ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit Seattle, WA
- h. 7/21 7/31: Smart Kitchen Summit 2025

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.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, June 17th 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 List of Edible Food Recovery Organizations Local Ordinances California Retail Food Code (DEHQ) Contacts (jurisdictions, DEHQ, corporations) 	Crowdsourced