

## **SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 21st, 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 DPW – [County of San Diego Edible Food Recovery Working Group Participant Feedback Form](#)
    - a) 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.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
- b. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Myths and Challenges
- c. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
- d. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
- a. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion

#### **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. Foodbanks
  - i. Feeding San Diego
  - ii. San Diego Food Bank

#### **5. Grants & funding**

##### National

- a. **USDA's FY 2026 Patrick Leahy [Farm to School Grant program](#)**
  - i. Supports projects that: Incorporate more unprocessed, locally sourced foods into meals served at school, summer sites, and/or by child care providers; Provide producers training on procurement

requirements and food safety standards to protect child health; Integrate agricultural education into career and technical programs to support the longevity of America's agricultural legacy; Encourage increased consumption of fresh, whole fruits and vegetables; and more.

- ii. Detailed information about eligibility and application requirements can be found in the [request for applications](#). Applications close on Dec. 5, 2025

**b. USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)**

- i. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) awards AFRI research, education, and extension grants to improve rural economies, increase food production, stimulate the bioeconomy, mitigate impacts of climate variability, address water availability issues, ensure food safety and security, enhance human nutrition, and train the next generation of the agricultural workforce.
- ii. AFRI-funded projects sustain all components of agriculture, including farm efficiency and profitability, ranching, renewable energy, forestry (both urban and agroforestry), aquaculture, rural communities and entrepreneurship, human nutrition, food safety, biotechnology, and conventional breeding. AFRI-funded integrated projects must include at least two of the three functions of agriculture knowledge – research, education, and extension – to ensure delivery of science-based knowledge to people, allowing them to make informed practical decisions.
- iii. Please refer to the website [here](#) for additional details. The deadlines vary depending on topic area.

State

**a. CalRecycle**

- i. CalRecycle has approved an extended grant term end date for the OWR4 grant cycle. The new grant term end date is now November 2, 2026 (extended from the original end date of April 1, 2026). This extension provides additional time to complete your grant-funded activities and achieve your project goals.

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. Chula Vista Community Foundation Grant**

- i. For the 2026-2027 grant cycle, [Chula Vista Community Foundation \(CVCF\) is accepting proposals for programs](#) that enhance senior well-being in Chula Vista. Grant requests from a minimum of \$10,000 up to \$30,000 in funding may be awarded. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2025. (San Diego Foundation)

**c. Oceanside Community Foundation Grant**

- i. For the 2026-2027 grant cycle, [Oceanside Community Foundation \(OCF\) is accepting proposals for projects](#) that address food insecurity in families with children ages 0 to 18. Grant requests from a minimum of \$10,000 up to \$30,000 in funding may be awarded. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2025. (San Diego Foundation)

**6. Legislation**

- a. [AB 1046](#) - Short-lived climate pollutants: recovered organic waste product: agricultural crop preparation service
  - i. Approved by the Gov on 10/13/2025

**7. News & Events**

- a. [EPA Launches Feed It Onward Initiative](#) (EPA)
- b. Local news clip about items from the old airport terminal being donated to local non-profits (including cold storage/kitchen items!). Consider sharing with networks of FROs/FRSs who may be in need of items.  
<https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/san-diego-airport-donates-old-terminal-1-items-before-demolition>
- c. CalRecycle info sessions:
  - i. Email Distribution: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/>
  - ii. [SB1383 Chat w CalRecycle Past Recordings](#)
- d. [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
- e. 10/XX: Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Working Group. Contact Karen Clay at [info@ilovetoglean.org](mailto:info@ilovetoglean.org) for more information. 9:00AM-10:00AM (Virtual)
- f. September – October 31, 2025: Public Comment Period for County of San Diego Emergency Operation Plan
  - i. Link: [Emergency Operations Plan | Engage San Diego County](#)
  - ii. Questions or comments may also be submitted via email to: [Nicholas.Zubel@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Zubel@sdcounty.ca.gov)
- g. 10/16 – 10/17: Food Rescue (Hero) Conference (virtual)
- h. 10/22 - [U.S. Food Waste Pact Town Hall](#) (ReFED)

- i. 10/29: North County Food Policy Council Meeting 9:00AM – 11:00AM  
VIRTUAL. Please contact Craig Jones or visit their [website](#) to sign up for more info.
- j. 10/29: [2025 Wasted Food Summit](#) (Last Mile Food Rescue, Green Umbrella, Hamilton County ReSource) – Cincinnati, OH
- k. 11/4 1-4pm EST: Northeast Recycling Council: Adoption of Reuse in Federal and State Food Code Guidance [Webinar](#)
- l. 5/19/26 – 5/21/26: 2026 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit – Charlotte, NC

## **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, November 18th from 1-3pm – pending group feedback on holiday scheduling*

### **SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources**

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Provided By</b>
<a href="#">San Diego County Regional SB 1383 Resources</a>  Regional SB1383 Organics Collection & Edible Food Recovery Resource page is now live (hosted on DEHQ webpage)	County
<a href="#">Regional Guidance Document</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tier 1 and Tier 2 clarifications</li><li>• List of Edible Food Recovery Organizations</li><li>• Local Ordinances</li><li>• California Retail Food Code (DEHQ)</li><li>• Contacts (jurisdictions, DEHQ, corporations)</li></ul>	Crowdsourced