

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

- Annika Andersen, HF&H Consultants
- Avecita Jones, City of Carlsbad
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council
- Dave Didonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- 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
- Katy James, Blue Strike Environmental
- Kiyonna Navarro, ProduceGood
- Leia Berube, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
- Megan Kendall, City of San Diego
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Oscar Gittemeier, City of San Diego
- Priscilla Flores, City of Oceanside
- Rocio Ramos, City of Oceanside
- Tyla Soylu, Zero Waste San Diego
- Valery ODerio, San Diego Food Bank

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.
 - ii. City of San Diego – San Diego Public Library will be hosting a food justice program in February 2026: [We Are Each Other's Harvest: Celebrating African American Farmers, Land, and Legacy](#). Local San Diego organizations are invited to table at this food justice and sustainability resource fair at the Central Library (330 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101) on 2/24/26, 5pm-8pm. If interested in tabling and sharing information during this program, contact Oscar Gittemeier at ogittemeier@sandiego.gov, 619-455-2300.
 - iii. Solana Center – [Food Hacks Webinar](#), Oct 27, 2025
 - iv. The airport is holding a furniture clean out sale.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
 - i. City of Chula Vista – Shares about implementation and site visit protocol. The City invited a CalRecycle LAMD to visit and do a mock review. It was approximately a 15-minute visit and was helpful understanding what an official visit would look like.
 - ii. Solana Center – Informal food donating, for example, food going to employees at the end of a shift, is hard to track but Solana Center is creating a new form to log what’s being recovered that is not going to a Food Recovery Organization.
- b. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Myths and Challenges
- c. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
- d. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO’s and Generators)
 - i. City of Chula Vista – Starting to send out notices that FRO reporting is coming up and reminders on the requirements.
 - ii. County of San Diego – Preparing for the FRO annual reporting (due Jan 30).
- 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.)
 - iii. NCFPC works with Palomar College to host internships.
 - iv. Heat maps are being added to see where there are high levels of overlap and concentrations of resources vs where there aren’t a lot of concentrations. Will be helpful pinpointing where more support could be needed.
- b. Foodbanks
 - i. Feeding San Diego – No update.
 - ii. San Diego Food Bank – No update.
 - iii. I Love to Glean – Mapping who is still facing impacts by the 2024 floods and rolling out a program to visit those areas to provide food and resources.

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)

b. [ReFed catalytic grant fund](#), new cycle coming soon

- i. **ReFED** is planning the fourth open call under their Catalytic Grant Fund: *Minimizing Methane Through Food Waste Solutions*. This open call will focus on advanced food recycling (e.g., enhancing sorting, decontamination, processing, and access to create more effective and efficient systems) and reducing methane in the beef and dairy sectors. ReFED is expecting to begin accepting applications in December 2025. Visit [here](#) for the announcement, and [here](#) for more information on the Catalytic Grant Fund.

https://refed.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XkbPj_OpRx2TV7wHiTgLUg#/registration

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 \(CRR\)](#), second Tuesday of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. – no membership needed. Contact Annika Andersen for info on resources or mtgs.
- e. 4th Wednesday of every month, 9:00 AM -10:00 AM (Virtual) - [Live Well San Diego](#)

[South Region Food Insecurity Working Group](#). Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more information.

- 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
- 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.
 - i. Working Group discussed how food recovery plays a role in the event of an emergency. Discussed how the County vs individual jurisdictions should play a role as well.
 - a) City of Chula Vista – County is responsible for overall emergency operations plan. How does each jurisdiction participate? Specifically with the food distribution. A hub could be beneficial for those areas that don't have FROs.
 - b) County of San Diego – Office of Emergency Services (OES) manages the county wide high-level emergency operations plan which is currently being updated. The plan is for the County to coordinate a regional approach with the intention for individual jurisdictions to use this plan as the baseline and build their own programs from there. However, a JPA was established in 1961 to establish procedures and protocols for assisting one another in the event of a disaster or major emergency exceeding the capabilities of any single jurisdiction.
 - c) I Love to Glean – The updated [Emergency Operations Plan](#) has been drafted, and OES will accept input until October 31, 2025. The most important sections for us to review are the Basic Plan, plus Annexes A, E, G, K, M & Q.

- d) North County Food Policy Council – Many jurisdictions have a lot of their own emergency assistance plans ready. Food assistance is a big part of emergency assistance and isn't well covered.
- e) I Love to Glean – It is important to understand feeding structures and how organizations interact with these structures and how organizations interact with each other when providing food assistance.
- f) If jurisdictions have questions reach out to the County and Nick Zubel nicholas.zubel@sdcounty.ca.gov.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, November 18th from 1-3pm

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
San Diego County Regional SB 1383 Resources Regional SB1383 Organics Collection & Edible Food Recovery Resource page is now live (hosted on DEHQ webpage)	County
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