

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

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16th, 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](#)
    - 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. Presentation: Ecotone Renewables by Dylan Lew, CEO & Founder
    - On-site biodigesters as a cost effective and reliable food waste solution
    - Presentation to be sent out with minutes.
  - iii. County of San Diego – Organics Best Practice Guide for Food Facilities resource update

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
- b. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Myths and Challenges
  - i. County of San Diego - DEHQ Food Facility Outreach Event Recap
- c. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
- d. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
- a. 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. Foodbanks
  - i. Feeding San Diego
  - ii. San Diego Food Bank
- c. *9/8 and 9/12 noon- 2pm PST: LiveWell **Trauma-Informed Customer***

**Service Training** (virtual) – see flyer attached

## **5. Grants & funding**

### National

#### **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 a rolling basis.

#### **b. USDA's FY 2026 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

### 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**.

## **6. Legislation – Summer Recess, Returning from summer recess**

- a. [AB 337](#) - bill looks at expanding funding opportunities available under SB 1383 but specifically for food recovery efforts.
- b. [AB1046](#) - Short-lived climate pollutants: recovered organic waste product: food processing establishments
- 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. September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm – Upcoming topic: Sustainable Funding for Food Recovery Organizations and Services
- 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. 9/17: 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.
- d. TBD: 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 (In-Person)
- e. 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)
- f. 10/16 – 10/17: Food Rescue (Hero) Conference (virtual)
- g. 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, October 21st from 1-3pm*

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**SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources**

Resource	Provided By
<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