

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

- Adam Guerra, Ecotone Renewables
- Annika Andersen, HF&H Consultants
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego DPW
- Danielle Osborne, CalRecycle
- Dave Didonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego DPW
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Fernando Moreno, City of Escondido
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Jacob
- Jacy Triboulet, Feeding San Diego
- Janin Rodarte, City of Escondido
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jessica Schultz, Feeding San Diego
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego DPW
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego
- DPW
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Katelyn Nynas, City of Oceanside
- Katherine Crow, County of San Diego Public Health Services
- Katy James, Blue Strike Environmental
- Kayla Thomson, San Diego Food Bank
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kiyonna Navarro, ProduceGood
- Kyle Wyche, Ecotone Renewables
- Lauren Short, City of San Diego
- Leia Berube, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
- Lydia Donahue, Food Donation Connection
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Priscilla Flores
- Valeria Collins, City of San Marcos

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. Presentation: Ecotone Renewables by Kyle Wyche, Chief Operating Officer
 - a) On-site biodigesters as a cost effective and reliable food waste

solution

b) Presentation to be sent out with minutes.

c) Q&A

a) City of Chula Vista – How is contamination detected and removed?

i Ecotone Renewables – Operators do backend checking before it goes into the system. Internally there are cameras and sensors to detect non-organic waste. Staff is also provided with training on which materials are acceptable for the system.

b) Ecotone Renewables – If anyone has additional questions or wants to talk more about how we can support businesses in the greater San Diego area, feel free to reach out to Adam Guerra at Adam.Guerra@ecotonerenewables.com.

iii. County of San Diego DPW – Organics Best Practice Guide for Food Facilities resource update

a) County of San Diego DPW – The County’s Department of Public Works, Department of Environmental Health & Quality, Watershed Protection Program collaborated to create a resource on organic waste management best practices.

a) <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/deh/fhd/food/sb1383.html>

b) City of Chula Vista – DEHQ mentioned previously that they were working on a flyer to address vermin, is this the document that they were referencing?

a) County of San Diego DPW – This is the main document that came from our discussions with DEHQ. The document mainly focuses on organics management but also addresses DEHQ’s guidance regarding vermin.

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

a. Enforcement Plans/Process

b. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Myths and Challenges

i. County of San Diego DPW - DEHQ Food Facility Outreach Event Recap

a) County of San Diego DPW – County staff presented the new Organics Best Practice Guide at a recent DEHQ meeting on vermin/pest management with the California Restaurant Association (CRA) in attendance. The topic of organic waste diversion in restaurants was a hot topic and there is a big demand for organics to remain bagged when placed in organics dumpsters.

ii. City of Chula Vista – Recently inspected by CalRecycle, feel free to contact Dave Didonato at ddidonato@chulavistaca.gov if you would like to know more about what CalRecycle was looking for and what the results were.

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- iii. City of Oceanside – Prior to JACE compliance visit, Emily with CalRecycle offered to review our city’s implementation record early. Early review was very helpful and would recommend other jurisdictions to utilize this resource as well.
 - a) CalRecycle – CalRecycle can review a jurisdiction’s implementation record prior to final submission or a JACE visit. If interested, please reach out to Emily Schuetz at Emily.Schuetz@CalRecycle.ca.gov.
- 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 – No updates.
 - ii. San Diego Food Bank – No updates. Shout out to Ecotone Renewables for their presentation.
- c. *9/8 and 9/12 noon- 2pm PST: LiveWell Trauma-Informed Customer Service Training (virtual) – see flyer attached*
 - i. County of San Diego – trainings have passed but if you’re interested in those educational resources, please reach out to Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org.

5. Grants & funding

- a. CalRecycle – 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.

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

- a. County of San Diego DPW – Summer recess has ended.
- b. [AB 337](#) - bill looks at expanding funding opportunities available under SB 1383 but specifically for food recovery efforts.
 - i. County of San Diego DPW – Failed the deadline and on suspense file as of 4/9/25. Can be picked back up in January 2026. Bill has 2 years to try to pass, be rewritten, or gain more support.
- c. [AB 1046](#) - Short-lived climate pollutants: recovered organic waste product: food processing establishments
- d. [SB 353](#) - Income tax: credits: food banks.
- e. [AB 2311](#) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food.

- i. County of San Diego DPW – Bill is now dead.

7. News & Events

- a. CalRecycle info sessions:
 - i. Email Distribution: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/>
 - ii. [SB1383 Chat w CalRecycle Past Recordings](#)
 - iii. September 17th 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. 9/24: Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Working Group. Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more information. 9:00AM-10:00AM (Virtual)
- 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
- 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

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