

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting [Join the meeting now](#)

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

- Allie Blankemeier, Feeding San Diego
- Annika Anderson, HF&H Consultants
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Craig Jones, No County Food Policy Council
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- David DiDonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Jenell Coker, Oceanside Sanctuary
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kenneth Prue, City of Oceanside
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Kiyonna Navarro, Produce Good
- Leia Berube, Solana Center
- Marina Jones, San Diego Food Bank
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Nicole Gucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Sean Harris, City of Coronado
- Ting-yao Li, City of Escondido
- Valery O'Derio, San Diego Food Bank
- Victoria McGoldrick, Oceanside Sanctuary
- Yasamin Rasouladeh, County of San Diego

2. Public Comments & Communications

a. Open Comments

i. Food Justice Community Action Plan (FJCAP) – Board Memo Updates

- a) To learn more about FJCAP, visit [Food Justice Community Action Plan | Engage San Diego County](#).
- b) Office of Sustainability & Environmental Justice – Shared graphic on edible food recovery flow. Graphic to be included in Board Memo to the Board of Supervisors regarding FJCAP.
 - a) Ocean Sanctuary – Suggested that the flow chart include a line from the “Generator” directly to the “Household.”
 - b) North County Food Policy Council – FJCAP should consider hosting food justice programs and food pantries at community libraries, particularly in sparse areas. Good to consider utilizing mobile food pantries as well.

- i I Love to Glean – Assisted Chula Vista Library with recent food distribution event.
- ii. I Love to Glean – South and Central Region Steering Committee Needs
 - a) Presentation to be sent with minutes.
 - b) I Love to Glean – There is a lack of representation and infrastructure in South and Central County compared to North County.
 - c) I Love to Glean – Looking for individuals and representatives from jurisdictions, food banks, waste haulers, and other industry leads to create a South and Central Region Steering Committee. Santa Clara County has an ideal model for Silicon Valley.
- iii. County of San Diego – CalFresh and Medi-Cal Changes
 - a) [Presentation](#)
 - b) County of San Diego DPW – No formal presentation but wanted to share this resource with the group regarding upcoming CalFresh and Medi-Cal changes.
 - c) North County Food Policy Council – Claudia Gurrola with Health & Human Services presented on this topic at a recent North County Food Policy Council meeting. Benefits will not be cut off all at once, changes affect specific groups through multiple waves.
- iv. North County Food Policy Council – About a year ago, the County presented a summary on regional food recovery. Is there a regional capacity study currently being done? Other reporting mechanisms?
 - a) County of San Diego DPW – Per SB 1383, jurisdictions must conduct an Edible Food Recovery Capacity Study once every 5 years. In 2024, jurisdictions reported their 2023 data on edible food recovery, disposal, and capacity to the County of San Diego. The County’s team consolidated these reports and submitted the region’s findings to CalRecycle.
 - a) County of San Diego DPW – Important to note that data for the Edible Food Recovery Capacity Study is specific to Tier 1 and Tier 2 commercial edible food generators relative to SB 1383.
 - b) County of San Diego DPW – Separately, jurisdictions can conduct waste characterization studies themselves.
 - b) County of San Diego DPW – Additionally, jurisdictions also submit annual reports, which includes food recovery data, to CalRecycle individually for the Electronic Annual Report (EAR). Reports are due August 1st of each year, findings are not published until sometime the following year.
- v. North County Food Policy Council – Regarding annual reporting, is there anyone doing this on a regional level?
 - a) County of San Diego DPW – Jurisdictions report individually. Unfamiliar with any additional annual reporting mechanisms outside of the EAR.

- a) CalRecycle – EAR data is consolidated and can be accessed through CalRecycle’s public website for years 2021 to 2024.
 - i [Jurisdiction Electronic Annual Data Reports - CalRecycle Home Page.](#)

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process (Questions for CalRecycle)
 - i. CalRecycle – Follow-up on discussion from last meeting. CalRecycle is unaware of any plans to reopen SB 1383 regulations for edits.
 - ii. HF&H Consultants - If there is any questions or feedback on regulation changes contact Annika Andersen at Aanderson@hfh-consultants.com.
- b. Site Visits/Inspections (Questions for DEHQ)
 - i. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation – Observations from site visits and annual reports from generators:
 - a) One school donated 100K pounds of food.
 - b) On average, high schools are donating 10K-15K pounds of food.
 - c) Recordkeeping inconsistencies with grocery chains. Generator reports are not aligned with food bank reports. Solana Center staff to investigate.
 - ii. North County Food Policy Council – Schools are large edible food generators. Encourage jurisdictions to work with schools even though they are not Tier 1 or Tier 2 reporters.
 - a) County of San Diego – Jurisdictions work with school districts on edible food recovery as they are required by SB 1383. School Districts are classified as Tier 2 Local Education Agencies (LEAs).
- c. Food Recovery Organization/Services (FRO/FRS)
 - i. County of San Diego DPW – County in the process of onboarding 4 new FROs and will be requesting retroactive annual reports if available.
- d. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO’s and Generators)
 - i. Oceanside Sanctuary – Is it up to the donor or FRO to report poundage? Observed generators “donating” food that is already waste by the time it reaches the FRO.
 - a) County of San Diego DPW – FROs are not required to accept all donations. If generators are donation dumping, you are welcome to reject inedible donations. Additionally, you may address this issue with the generator directly or follow up with your food bank and/or jurisdictional contact.
 - b) CalRecycle – Regulations do not specify who weights donations. Per SB 1383, generators and FROs are both required to keep records while FROs are also required to report to their jurisdiction.
 - ii. Oceanside Sanctuary – Generators are likely writing off the waste as donations. Why are both the generator and FRO weighing the food?
 - a) County of San Diego DPW – Some jurisdictions require additional

reporting from generators. Food banks also have their own reporting requirements for both donors and partner agencies.

- b) CalRecycle – Reporting is required by the FRO to avoid double counting. Not all commercial generators are weighing food, for them it is more about the worth of the food for tax purposes.
- c) City of San Diego – If jurisdictions are only looking at weights from the generator, jurisdictions would be unable to confirm if food was truly donated or wasted.
- iii. Oceanside Sanctuary – Under the impression that FROs are responsible for “policing” generators. Some Oceanside FROs feel that reporting requirements are too burdensome and are considering stopping recovery operations altogether.
 - a) CalRecycle – FROs are not responsible for “policing” generators. Recommend contacting your food bank and/or jurisdictional contact if donation dumping is a reoccurring issue.
 - b) City of San Diego – City of San Diego staff have also observed FROs ending their recovery operations. This insight is important for jurisdictions to understand. Curious to learn more about what other barriers are factoring into these decisions.
- e. 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)
 - a) North County Food Policy Council – GIS map has been restructured. Map is missing jurisdictional data, please follow up with Craig Jones at bananashke@sbcglobal.net to add or update your jurisdiction’s mapping data.
 - ii. [Additional GIS Map – FRO to Generator travel distance and connection \(not for general public yet\)](#) – (Available to the EFR working group only.)
 - a) North County Food Policy Council – Map is incomplete and requires additional data to flesh it out. Craig is considering closing this map if jurisdictions do not have a use for it.
- b. Foodbank Updates
 - i. Feeding San Diego
 - a) No updates.
 - ii. San Diego Food Bank
 - a) No updates.

5. Grants & Funding

- a. National
 - i. **Fiscal Year 2026 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants**

- a) The NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant provides funds to NSLP state agencies to administer competitive subgrants to eligible local education agencies (LEAs), school food authorities (SFAs), and schools for the purchase of equipment valued at greater than \$1,000. The purpose of the NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant is to help ensure that schools have the equipment they need to serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and to support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the School Breakfast Program (SBP).
 - a) To learn more, visit [here](#).
 - i Applications close May 28, 2026.
- b. State
- c. Local
 - i. **Efficient Refrigeration Program (Farms Eligible!)**
 - a) 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.
 - a) Learn more and apply [here](#).
 - i Applications are closed, more opportunities coming in 2026.

6. Legislation

- a. [SB 881 \(McNerney\)](#). Income taxation: credits: voluntary contributions: food bank donations.
 - i. Heard in Senate Appropriations; moved to Suspense File.

7. News & Events

- a. CalRecycle Info Sessions
 - i. Email Distribution: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/>
 - ii. [SB1383 Chat w CalRecycle Past Recordings](#)
- b. [Edible Food Recovery Technical Council \(CRR\)](#), 2nd Tuesday of every month, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. No membership needed.
 - i. Contact Annika Andersen or visit their website for more information.
- c. [North County Food Policy Council Meeting](#), 3rd Wednesday in the months of January, March, April, June, July, September, and October, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.
 - i. Contact Craig Jones or visit their website for more information.
- d. [Live Well San Diego – South Region Community Leadership Team Meeting](#), 2nd Monday of every month, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Meetings alternate between in-

person and virtual.

- i. Contact Karen Clay or visit their website for more information.
- e. Conferences:
 - i. April 29 – May 1, 2026: 2026 International Gleaning Symposium – San Diego, CA
 - a) To register, visit [Gleaning Symposium - Association of Gleaning Organizations](#).
 - ii. May 19 – 21, 2026: 2026 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit – Charlotte, NC
 - a) To register, visit [Registration - 2026 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit](#).
 - iii. June 1 – 2, 2026: Food is Medicine Conference (FIMCON) – Washington, D.C.
 - a) To register, visit [fimcon.org](#).
 - iv. August 30 – September 2, 2026: CRRA 2026 – San Diego, CA
 - a) To register, visit [CRRA 2026 - Conference and Trade Show • San Diego, CA August 30 - September 2, 2026 — California Resource Recovery Association](#).
- f. Events
 - i. County of San Diego - The County will be facilitating free compost and mulch giveaways for compost awareness week. Unincorporated events are being coordinated by Julia Gallaway, and a regional hub page will be created for jurisdictions to add their own giveaway events.
 - a) [San Diego County Compost Awareness Week Hub](#)

8. Round Table

- a. County of San Diego DPW – [County of San Diego Edible Food Recovery Working Group Participant Feedback Form](#)
 - i. 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.
- b. County of San Diego DPW – May meeting is canceled; group will reconvene in June.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tuesday, June 16th from 1-3pm

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
San Diego County Regional SB 1383 Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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