

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda Date:

Tuesday, July 21st, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

- Allyson Schill - Careit
- Annika Anderson, HF&H Consultants
- Ashley Reiter, San Diego Food Bank
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council
- David DiDonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Itzel Gonzalez, City of Carlsbad
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jessica Schultz, Feeding San Diego
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Malika Sen, Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
- Marina Jones, San Diego Food Bank
- Michael Catalano, San Diego Food Bank
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Peter Bowman, CalRecycle
- Valery O'Derio, San Diego Food Bank
- Yasamin Rasouladeh, County of San Diego

2. Public Comments & Communications

a. Open Comments

i. Food Justice Community Action Plan (FJCAP)

- a) To learn more about FJCAP, visit [Food Justice Community Action Plan | Engage San Diego County](#).
- b) Presentation to be included with Minutes.
- c) Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice - Board authorized \$1M for emergency food distribution efforts in high-impact zip codes, including expended distribution events and services to address food access gaps.
- d) Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice – OSEJ to create a resource hub webpage for all action items in the FJCAP. Team currently working on compiling food recovery resources for Action Items 3a and 3b. Jurisdictions that would like to suggest resources to include should reach out to Yasamin Rasoulzadeh at Yasamin.Rasoulzadeh@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- e) Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice – Next steps: Continue implementation of the 11 current FJCAP actions; Prepare an FJCAP Board Memo for Fall; Continue strengthening partnerships with food system stakeholders;

Engage partners to identify next set of FJCAP actions.

- f) Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice – Member applications are open for the County’s regional Environmental Justice Workgroup. Applications are due August 31, 2026. This advisory group advances climate and community-driven solutions led by the County of San Diego Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice.

- i. To learn more visit, [here](#).

- ii. Virtual Information Sessions: July 21, 2026, 4:30–5:30 p.m. and August 21, 2026, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

- ii. Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste

- a) To learn more, visit [Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste | Engage San Diego County](#)

- i. County of San Diego – Strategic plan specific to unincorporated region but all feedback is welcome. Community survey and stakeholder engagement meetings to be announced.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process (Questions for CalRecycle)

- b. Site Visits/Inspections (Questions for DEHQ)

- i. County of San Diego – Do jurisdictions have advice for working with campgrounds? Lessons learned or success stories?

- a) HF&H Consultants – What sector was the County categorizing the campground as? Large Venue or Restaurant?

- i. County of San Diego – There were at least two campgrounds that met the seat count threshold for a Tier 2 Restaurant. Curious if any jurisdictions have worked with campgrounds on food recovery.

- b) HF&H Consultants – No direct experience; however, would strongly recommend reaching out to the CRRA EFR Technical Council to see if other members have experience to share.

- ii. County of San Diego – County contractors unable to gain access to properties due to concerns from the public on the authenticity of the contractor staff and site visit. Recycling section is looking at streamlining badge system for County contractors as they are not always issued official County badges.

- a) Solana Center – Solana Center staff also wear badge to avoid confusion. Most of our visits are scheduled and a courtesy email is sent prior to inspection. How does the County schedule their site visits in advance?

- i. County of San Diego – Generally sites are provided a courtesy notice a week before the site visit. County staff do not wait for confirmation before proceeding with assessment. The County’s Solid Waste Ordinance does allow for unannounced assessments.

- c. Food Recovery Organization/Services (FRO/FRS)

- i. County of San Diego – County worked with Copia to obtain a food recovery agreement for a Tier 2 Restaurant. Copia support was able to add a signature page to the agreement and obtain signatures from both parties within the same day.

- a) Careit – Careit staff informed group that if a jurisdiction requires a signature, their staff can accommodate those requests as well.

- ii. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation – Although signatures from both

parties are not required per SB 1383, it solidifies the agreement and adds a layer of accountability.

- d. Recordkeeping & Reporting (Generators, FROs, and FRSs)
 - i. County of San Diego – Observed a nearly 40% increase in edible food recovered. Unincorporated food recovery totals: 1.9M pounds in 2023, 1.6M pounds in 2024, and 2.3M pounds in 2025.
 - ii. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation – Staff observed a 20%-25% increase in food recovery in 2025, which was a further increase from 2024.
 - iii. San Diego Food Bank – Reported an increase of 800,000 pounds recovered.
 - iv. HF&H Consultants – Reminder to the group that food recovery totals can be used towards your SB 1383 procurement target per AB 2346. Confirming whether jurisdictions are using reports from generators or food recovery organizations for their procurement target?
 - a) CalRecycle – Mentioned a difference between food donated and food recovered and how that pertains to AB 2346.
 - i. County of San Diego – Reached out to CalRecycle for additional clarification, response pending.
- 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)
 - 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 – Currently, there is a summer GIS intern working on mapping data layers for various demographics (food insecurity, ethnicity, income, etc.). Goal is for maps to be used as a resource for the group, but additional mapping data is needed.
 - b) Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice – OSEJ to connect with the North County Food Policy Council to see if there is potential overlap with the FJCAP's mapping efforts.
- b. Foodbank Updates
 - i. Feeding San Diego – No update.
 - ii. San Diego Food Bank – Streamlining badge system so food bank staff are easily identifiable.

5. Grants & Funding

- a. National
 - i. **National Household Wasted Food Prevention Project**
 - a) The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is administering community grants through the National Household Waste Food Prevention Project (NHWFPP). The NHWFPP will develop, launch, and implement a coordinated, nationwide effort to reduce wasted food in households by 10% per capita nationally and by 20% per capita in communities supported through grants by 2030. The National Household Wasted Food Prevention Project will include a.) A national media campaign

developed by the Ad Council, and b.) Community grants administered by WWF in collaboration with WRAP and ReFED.

- b) To learn more and apply, visit [here](#).
 - i. Applications are open until September 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EST.

ii. **2026 HFFI FARE Fund Grants & Technical Assistance**

- a) Through the 2026 HFFI FARE Fund Grant and Technical Assistance funding cycle, at least \$5,250,000 is available for planning and implementation Grants and at least \$1,000,000 is available for Technical Assistance to eligible food retail and post-harvest food retail supply chain projects across the country.
- b) To learn more and apply, visit [here](#). Webinar recording available.
 - i. Inquiries are accepted until July 31, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - ii. Applications are open until October 30, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST.

iii. **2026-2028 HFFI FARE Fund Loans**

- a) Through the 2026 – 2028 HFFI FARE Fund Loan Request for Applications (RFA), at least \$22M is available for loans to eligible projects aiming to increase food access, and strengthen, expand, and innovate within the food retail supply chain.
- b) To learn more and apply, visit [here](#).
 - i. Inquiries are accepted until September 30, 2028, 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - ii. August 18, 2026, 3:00 p.m. EST - HFFI FARE Fund Loan RFA Overview Webinar
 - a. Register [here](#).
 - iii. September 1, 2026, 3:00 p.m. EST - HFFI FARE Fund Loan Readiness Webinar
 - a. Register [here](#).

iv. **2026 HFFI Local and Regional Healthy Food Financing Partnerships Program**

- a) Through the 2026 funding cycle, \$20 million is available in grants to eligible public-private partnerships that are implementing or will implement Food Financing Programs in underserved communities across the country.
- b) To learn more and apply, visit [here](#). Webinar recording to be posted.
 - i. Applications open until September 18, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST

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.
- b) To learn more, visit [here](#).
 - i. Applications are closed; more opportunities are coming in 2026.

6. Legislation

- a. [AB 660 \(Irwin\)](#). Food and beverage products: labeling: quality dates, safety dates, and sell-by dates.

- i. County of San Diego – Went into effect July 1st. Standardized labeling is expected to decrease food waste and potentially increase food recovery.

7. News & Events

- a. CalRecycle Info Sessions
 - i. Email Distribution: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/>
 - ii. [SB1383 Chat w CalRecycle Past Recordings](#) Topic: Paper procurement.
- b. [Edible Food Recovery Technical Council \(CRRA\)](#), 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 – **Concluded**
 - a) To watch session recordings, visit [Category: 2026 Symposium - Association of Gleaning Organizations](#).
 - ii. May 19 – 21, 2026: 2026 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit – Charlotte, NC – **Concluded**
 - a) To watch session recordings, visit [ReFED 2026 Session Recordings](#).
 - iii. June 1 – 2, 2026: Food is Medicine Conference (FIMCON) – Washington, D.C. – **Concluded**
 - a) To learn more, visit fimcon.org.
 - iv. August 30 – September 2, 2026: CRRA 2026 – San Diego, CA
 - a) To learn more, visit [CRRA 2026 - Conference and Trade Show](#).
- f. Events
 - i. July 23, 2026, 10:00: Food Rescue Hero Webinar - Improving Equity through Targeted Distribution
 - a) To register, visit [Improving Equity through Targeted Distribution Tickets, Thursday, July 23 • Starts at 10 AM PDT | Eventbrite](#)

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. Orange County is putting out a grant program and regional funding pairing for recycling with edible food recovery. Regional Recycling and Edible Food Recovery Grant | [OC Waste & Recycling Regional Recycling and Edible Food Recovery Grant | OC Waste & Recycling](#)

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tuesday, August 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 - Tier 1 and Tier 2 clarifications - List of Edible Food Recovery Organizations - Local Ordinances - California Retail Food Code (DEHQ) - Contacts (jurisdictions, DEHQ, corporations)	Crowdsourced