

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, February 17th, 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
- Amanda Smith, County of San Diego
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Dana Laosiri, Republic Services
- David DiDonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Heather Heckman, City of Santee
- Janine Rodarte, City of Oceanside
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Kamila Haselman, City of San Diego
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kenneth Prue, City of Oceanside
- Kiyonna Navarro, Produce Good
- Kyle Pogue, CalRecycle
- Leia Berube, Solana Center
- Leo Orenday, Republic Services
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Megan Kendall, City of San Diego
- Michael Catalano, San Diego Food Bank
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Naomi Billups, County of San Diego
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Shannon, Life Investments
- Steve Weihe, County of San Diego
- Tingyao Li, City of Escondido
- Tyla Soyly, Zero Waste San Diego
- Valery O’Derio, 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.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
- b. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Challenges and Myths
- c. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
 - i. County of San Diego – Main challenges this reporting season:

- a) Staff were unable to produce a copy of their feeding agreement onsite.
 - b) Reports not including contact information for each generator.
 - c) Reports including nonfood items in their totals.
- ii. Life Investments – Expressed concerns with and inquired about edible food recovery funding opportunities for local Food Recovery Organizations.
Discussion elicited guidance from multiple attendees:
 - a) County of San Diego – Jurisdictions are aware of these concerns and actively researching ways to provide direct or indirect support to feeding agencies.
 - b) City of San Diego – Currently in the process of creating a funding assistance program for the City of San Diego.
 - c) CalRecycle – Suggested connecting with CalRecycle grant managers.
 - d) I Love to Glean – Suggested connecting with the CRRA’s Edible Food Recovery Technical Council’s funding committee.
- iii. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation - Continuing with site visits and annual reporting. Team observed that the needs of Food Recovery Organizations have increased since they are serving more in need.
- d. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO’s and Generators)
 - i. County of San Diego – Annual FRO Reporting Update
 - a) County of San Diego – All Food Recovery Organizations (FRO) reports were received by January 31 deadline. Collectively all 17 unincorporated Food Recovery Organizations recovered 2.04 million pounds of food (up from 1.61million pounds in 2024).
 - a) HF&H Consultants – Any reason for the increase?
 - i. County of San Diego – Uncertain at this point but our team will be analyzing the reports/data in the future to get a better understanding of the trends.
 - b) County of San Diego – Most unincorporated Food Recovery Organizations recovered from the same generators but in higher volumes. A few organizations saw slight decreases in overall recovery.
 - a) Example: One Food Recovery Organizations recovered a little over 5,000 pounds of food from Amazon Fresh in 2024. That number increased to over 70,000 pounds in 2025.
 - 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.)
 - iii. Update from Craig Jones (not in attendance): A Palomar College GIS student will be performing GIS map updates for the spring semester. Possibility of also having an advanced GIS intern working with the

team as well.

- a) Those interested may contact Craig Jones at phone 858-354-1785 or email bananashke@sbcglobal.net.
- b. Foodbank Updates
 - i. Feeding San Diego – No updates.
 - ii. San Diego Food Bank – No updates.

5. Grants & funding

- a. National
- 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](#).

6. Legislation

- a. [SB 881 \(McNerney\)](#). Income taxation: credits: voluntary contributions: food bank donations.

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. 2/18/26, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: 2026 Zero Waste Symposium – San Diego,

CA

a) To register, visit [13th Annual Zero Waste Symposium](#)

a) In-person sold out, virtual options still available.

ii. 4/29/26 – 5/1/26: 2026 International Gleaning Symposium – San Diego, CA

a) To register, visit [Gleaning Symposium - Association of Gleaning Organizations](#).

iii. 5/19/26 – 5/21/26: 2026 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit – Charlotte, NC

a) To register, visit [Registration - 2026 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit](#).

iv. 6/1/26 – 6/2/26: Food is Medicine Conference (FIMCON) – Washington, D.C.

a) To register, visit [fimcon.org](#).

f. Events:

i. 2/26/26, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Food Waste Compliance at Schools Webinar

a) To register, visit [Food Waste Compliance at Schools Webinar — Solana Center for Environmental Innovation](#).

8. Round Table

a. City of Chula Vista – Interested in whether jurisdictions have submitted proposals for edible food recovery tours for the upcoming CRRA event.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, March 17th 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

