

Live Well San Diego Food System Initiative Action Plan

2020/2021

Summary

No.	Name	Description
1	Continuity of <i>Live Well San Diego</i> Food System Working Group (FSIWG)	Continue to work collaboratively and effectively as an interdepartmental Working Group to ensure the successful implementation of the <i>Live Well San Diego</i> Food System Initiative.
2	Support Regionwide Efforts to Increase Food Recovery and Donation	Execute the Food Donation Action Plan to encourage and remove barriers to food donation across residential and commercial sectors. Facilitate regionwide education campaigns, communication and relationships between food industry members and food banks to reduce increase recovery of edible food for people.
3	State of the Food System in San Diego County	Quintennial <i>State of the Food System in San Diego County Report</i> . Every five years the County of San Diego will release an updated report identifying and tracking key sustainable food system indicators in the county, and summarizing activities taking place or conducted to achieve these indicators
4	Continuous Improvement of the Food System	Increase the Working Group understanding and knowledge of local food system stakeholder needs and identifying obstacles to improving the food system.
5	<i>Live Well Community Market Program</i>	Establish a comprehensive <i>Live Well Community Market Program</i> that will partner with retail business owners along with food, alcohol, and tobacco stakeholders to increase healthy food access options for residents with an emphasis on health equity.
6	Develop and Maintain a <i>Live Well San Diego</i> Food System Initiative Website	Build and maintain a comprehensive website to share relevant information about the <i>Live Well San Diego</i> Food System Initiative and local efforts to improve the regional food system.
7	Support Regional Outreach in Support of Action Plan Items	Support regional outreach efforts for items listed in the action plan and items in support of the food system. Ensure each department has resources needed to conduct outreach across residential and commercial sectors.

8	Demonstration Garden Installation at the County Operations Center	Design and install a demonstration garden at the County Operations Center utilizing an edible landscape design. The design will incorporate sustainability measures that could serve as a pilot project and demonstration site for public and private developers. FHA Master Gardeners will take the lead for the installation of the garden and maintenance. LUEG and DPW will take responsibility for monitoring and managing the garden in coordination with the Master Gardeners.
9	County Owned Property Used for Urban/Rural Agricultural Leases	Recommend that the County adopts a policy to make suitable unused land available to urban/rural agricultural activities. Examine how to overcome issues such as liability and water. Mapping available County land with potential for urban/rural farming. The Working Group will develop criteria for potential County-owned property and will share information with other jurisdictions that might want to replicate the County model.
10	Food System Tour for Policy Makers	Develop and provide a food system tour to policy makers. The tour will include a community garden, shared kitchen space, food donation location, and food composting facility.
11	Support Key Food System Policies	Work with the Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs to propose updates to the legislative program that support State and federal policies that enhance our local food system. The FSIWG will review legislative programs and items each year to assess current relevance and impact on the food system. FSIWG members will stay up to date on legislative actions and provide analysis of proposed food system related legislation to help inform the County's support or opposition.
12	Explore Opportunities for Improving the Resiliency of the County of San Diego's Food System	Explore Opportunities for Improving the Resiliency of the County of San Diego's Food System. Research and identify proactive strategies that will improve the response and reaction of the food system during a crisis.
Appendix	County Programs Supported by the Food System Initiative	Key programs that are not directly related to the Food System Initiative Action Plan but that are supported by our efforts.
A.1	Promotion of Agricultural Sustainability	Preservation/conservation of agricultural lands contributes to the sustainability of agriculture in San Diego County. The Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program promotes the long-term preservation of agricultural land by purchasing of

		permanent easements that limit future uses, including development potential, thus preserving the land for agricultural use in perpetuity.
A.2	Agricultural Pesticide Container Recycling	In support of the sustainability of agriculture and a healthy environment, AWM will work collaboratively with DPW and DEH to hold two agricultural pesticide container recycling events for the agricultural community, diverting the containers from landfills.
A.3	Climate Action Plan	The County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) contains a series of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next 30 years. The measures are implemented throughout multiple County departments. The County is actively engaged in implementing the CAP and its 26 measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the region.