TAC: Edible Food Recovery Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, Monday November 14, 2022: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting **Click here to join the meeting**
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Agenda

1. **Welcome and introductions (please type name and affiliation in chat)**
    a. Alma Fernandez (City of Escondido), Brooke Flinn (County of San Diego), Caitlin Lelles (County of San Diego), Cassandra Smith (City of San Diego ESD), Christian Olivas (City of Lemon Grove), Dave Didonato (City of Chula Vista), Daveline Villasenor (Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency), Frank O, Heather Heckman (City of Santee), Hilary Ego (City of La Mesa), Itzel Gonzalez Mesinas, Jacy Triboulet (Feeding San Diego), Jeanne Patton (City of San Diego Environmental Services), Joshua Keyton (County of San Diego), Kaitlin Lowe (County of San Diego), Karen Clay (I Love to Glean), Kate Garrett (Feeding San Diego), Kayla Thompson (San Diego Food Bank), Maricela Galarza (Imperial County Transportation), Mallika Sen (Solana Center), Mike James (City of El Cajon), Monica Martinez (City of El Cajon), Ofelia Andrade (City of Coronado), Polina Osipova (City of San Diego), Roxana Montalvo (County of San Diego), Tyla Soylu (Ekolojik), Valery ODerio (San Diego Food Bank), Vanessa Mello (County of San Diego DEHQ), Wbaldo Arellano (City of Imperial Beach)

2. **Public Comments & Communications** (_Guests who wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda may do so during this period_)

    a. Solana Center – Corporate offices at Walmart and Stater Bros. Markets have asked if monthly recordkeeping could be done at a corporate level rather than a per store basis. Roberta Goldenpenny from CalRecycle is currently looking into this.
        i. Working with USDA and food banks to clear up corporate misconceptions regarding what is permitted with expiration dates.
        ii. Ongoing issue with one Albertson's that believes they cannot donate food that was prepared/packaged inhouse, working with food banks and Vanessa Mello at DEHQ.
    b. County of San Diego – Added corporate contacts to Regional Guidance Document.
    c. City of Chula Vista – Is there a corporate contact for Aldi?
        i. Feeding San Diego – Yes, can be provided upon request.

3. **SB 1383 – Rollout roundtable**

    a. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion about grey area criteria

        i. SB 1383 v USDA requirements?
- 1. County received info from the generator and CalRecycle is working with USDA and CDFA to clarify.
  - a. County of San Diego – Still waiting on CalRecycle's decision, no recent updates.

b. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
- 1. County of San Diego - Updated commercial site visit checklist to include FRO questions that aren't compliance questions but still good to ask to better understand capacity and where food is being recovered (i.e., How much food did you rescue last year or are you able to rescue more?). Distributed with the minutes.

c. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
- i. First reports due on Jan 31 (County and City of SD)
  - 1. County of San Diego – County currently has no plans to create a template for FRO reporting.
  - 2. City of San Diego – Polina Osipova is working on a template. Told Imperial Valley Resource Management Agency that they are willing to share FRO template with other jurisdictions when complete.

d. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion
- i. Solana Center – Despite sending organics back to warehouses or using them for animal feed, some businesses are still not collecting all organics. Informed that items that cannot be used for animal feed are landfilled.
  - 1. Ekolojik – Inspecting dumpsters is crucial to finding foods that seemingly robust programs aren't accepting and landfilling.
  - 2. County of San Diego – Many businesses have compactors that don't allow you to see inside, might need to get more creative and ask the staff.
    - a. Ekolojik – Contrasting answers from staff members, shows opportunity for staff training and getting them internally on the same page,

4. **SB 1383 – Public Education Resources**
   a. *GIS Presentation – Stephanie Ewalt, Ekolojik*
   - i. Presentation pushed to next month, December 12, 2022.
   b. Food Bank updates
   - i. Feeding San Diego –gearing up to give additional training to feeding partners on recordkeeping.
   - ii. San Diego Food Bank – No updates.
   c. Food donation videos (County led for regional use)
   - i. County of San Diego – Started filming last week with Jimbo's and DEHQ, hoping to have video ready either by the end of this year or early 2023.
     - 1. Video will be housed on WasteFreeSD as a regional resource once completed, as well as DEHQ's website.
   - ii. SB 1383-specific and general food donation

5. **Grants & funding**
   a. Feeding San Diego – Grant opportunity for FROs (https://refed.org/our-work/initiatives/catalytic-grant-fund?mc_cid=dea20e37c4&mc_eid=09af609d1b)

6. **Legislation**
   a. No comments.

7. **News & Events**

   a. November 18 - [San Diego Hunger Coalition 4th Annual State of Hunger](#)

8. **Round Table**
   a. No comments.

9. **Adjournment**
   a. *Next meeting Monday, December 12, 2022 – 10 am – 12 pm*

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
[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
[Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results](#) (Updated 9/15/2022) • Additional County outreach is reflected in this document • To determine if FRO's would like to be contacted directly for food donations: Please see "data dump" tab and scroll all the way right, to column BN. • [Access to Survey Questions for continuation of outreach](#)	Crowdsourced
[Model tools](#)(franchise agreement, edible food recovery agreement)	CalRecycle
[Capacity Planning for Jurisdictions](#)	CalRecycle
CalRecycle's [web page for food donors](#)	CalRecycle
CalRecycle's [web page for food recovery organizations](#)	CalRecycle
[SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program](#)	CalRecycle

Waste Free SD – Bin Cleaning Services	County
Tableau Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results Dashboard	County/SDFSA