SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, July 16th, 1 p.m. - 3 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)

- Alma Martinez
- Amanda Erickson, HDR, Inc.
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego DPW
- Elizabeth Prado, Life Acts
- Gabriel Martinez, Life Acts
- Jacy Triboulet, Feeding San Diego
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego DPW
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kate Garrett, Feeding San Diego

- Kayla Thomson, San Diego Food Bank
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kim Silva
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego DPW
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Mary Angelene Capcap, CalRecycle
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Stephanie Ewalt, EcoTech Consulting
- Vanessa Mello, County of San Diego DEHQ

2. Public Comments & Communications

- a. Open Comments
 - a. Solana Center Hosting a food waste prevention webinar for residents on July 17th, sponsored by the City of San Diego
 - b. Solana Center Visited the Del Mar Fair with Vanessa Mello (DEHQ), fairgrounds have over 100 food stalls with 66 unique vendors, 10 of which were visited.
 - Observations: Business are already implementing food waste prevention practices, such as:
 - Performing batch cooking in the daytime and transitioning to made-to-order meals towards the end of the event
 - Utilizing historical data to understand the supply needs
 - Allowing vendor/operational staff to take food home at the end of the day. Nothing was being formally counted.
 - Small donation period at the end of each week but larger donations possible at the end of the fair, developed a survey for

- vendors to take.
- Food items that would potentially need to be donated included foods such as cinnamon rolls, soft produce, leftover milk or yogurt past date, etc.
- Many of the vendors were aware of needing to start donations but were waiting to be told to start.
- Since utilities are being provided by the fairgrounds, vendors are still under the mobile food facility definition, what they can donate is dictated by their permit type (temporary food facility).
- County of San Diego DEHQ Fairgrounds does have some permanent food facilities onsite with more of an ability to donate hot foods. Food service provider is Premiere Food Services.
 - Solana Center Premiere Food Services was assessed separately as a Tier 2 venue.
- c. I Love to Glean Launched the healthy gardens program, pairing gardens with pantries that can receive produce (1 of 4 operators in San Diego County). Drop off locations in National City, Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach. Participants are able to track what they are growing
- b. Creating a Regional Community Action Plan to Address Food Justice for the County of San Diego Region (possible presentation in Sept)
 - a. EcoTech Consulting Initiative has been signed and is being spearheaded by the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ).
- c. Flashfood presentation in Sept https://www.flashfood.com
 - a. County of San Diego Connected during ReFed, Flashfood is a food waste prevention app that enhances the experience of shopping from the discounted section in grocery stores/supermarkets, allowing customers to shop discounted foods and schedule pickups through the app.
- d. Canceling the August 20th meeting as it falls on the same week as CRRA.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
 - a. Shared resources
 - b. Schools and NLE's Compliance Guidance
 - County of San Diego First 2 businesses have reached their 60-day period, admin warnings to be sent out later this week. The two businesses are a Tier 1 supermarket and a non-Tier 2 restaurant.
- b. Tier 1 & 2 Questions & Discussion
 - a. Past questions for CalRecycle: See Regional Guidance Doc for Responses
 - b. Chili's has anyone had luck reaching Chili's or seen compliance? (This

corporate address did not work: 6820 LBJ FREEWAY, DALLAS, TX 75240)

- EcoTech Consulting Are any jurisdictions having similar issues with Chili's, question that came from someone outside the meeting that has been unable to make contact.
 - Solana Center We do not have any Chili's in the cities we work with
- c. Site Visits/Inspections DEHQ Myths and Challenges
 - i. DEHQ Q&A
 - ii. DEHQ offer to host a webpage on County website for regional SB1383 resources
 - 1. Content complete, DEHQ is currently creating webpage. Will share with group once live. See list of resources.
 - EcoTech Consulting Met with the County and DEHQ last week to discuss next steps, IT specialist will begin building the website.
 - County of San Diego DPW The County will be the lead in ensuring the documents are updated
 - EcoTech Consulting If there are any other regional based guides that you would like to add on the list, please send over to Stephanie Ewalt.
 - I Love to Glean The latest report from SD Hunger Coalition on food insecurity metrics.
 - 2. Ongoing request: All jurisdictions to add and/or update their resources on Regional Guidance Document under the tab Jurisdiction&DEH Contacts
- d. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
 - i. Share feedback and response from recent site visits (group)
- e. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
- f. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion

4. SB 1383 - Public Education Resources

- a. San Diego Regional Food Systems GIS Map (General link)
 - a. EcoTech Consulting Craig Jones was unable to attend today's meeting, will be presenting at tomorrow's North County Food Policy Council meeting on edible food capacity planning.
 - b. EcoTech Consulting Craig has an intern that is actively working on inputting data for Coronado, Santee, and Chula Vista.

- b. Additional GIS Map FRO to Generator travel distance and connection (not for general public yet)
- c. Resources for Tier 2 Public Education:
 - i. Jurisdictions need to start understanding which FRO's and other orgs are best suited to accept prepared (Tier 2) foods.
 - ii. Options besides donation (Too Good to Go, donating to employees, donating to local homeless)
 - 1. Tracking by generators will be key.
- d. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - a. Feeding San Diego Created materials for food donors on how to pull their records from MealConnect, available to donors on their food donor portal.
 - Reports are sent to donors monthly, but they will now also be able to receive them in real time.

5. **Grants & funding**

a. ProduceGood – Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) grant through the USDA, applications are between now and September. If awarded, ProduceGood will be working with other collaborators on food recovery and outreach regarding food waste prevention. https://southern.sare.org/

6. **Legislation**

7. News & Events

- a. <u>CalRecycle info sessions:</u> <u>https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/</u>
- b. <u>Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Group, contact Karen Clay @ info@ilovetoglean.org</u> Every 4th Wednesday of the month from 9-10 AM
- c. Food Rescue Hero Conference October 24 & 25, 2024
- d. SDFSA Annual Gathering, Oct 17, 2024
- e. <u>Edible Food Recovery Technical Council (CRRA)</u>, no membership needed, second Tuesday's of each month, 12 pm 1 p.m.
- f. <u>CRRA Conference 2024 in Anaheim, CA August 18-21 (Shifting the Conversation)</u>

8. Round Table

- a. Ofelia Andrade Do other jurisdictions have insight on the process for assessing and enforcing on malls and shopping plazas? Are you looping in plaza management?
 - a. County of San Diego Typically we involve plaza management, notifying both the store owners and plaza managers of the assessment, requirements, and enforcement. Reports are sent to store owners and plaza managers (upon request).
 - b. Solana Center Per CalRecycle's guidance, plaza managers are responsible for their vendor's compliance in terms of enforcement.
- County of San Diego County met with Amanda Erickson with HDR, Inc., who is looking into food waste prevention programs for Hennepin County in Minnesota, invited to this meeting to observe and potentially connect with other jurisdictions.
 - a. HDR, Inc. Consultant with HDR, Inc., that is working with Hennepin County in Minnesota to research food waste reduction in the commercial sector. Hennepin County does not have a regulatory aspect for food recovery/food waste prevention, so they are currently only doing preliminary research. If you have any resources or information, please connect with Amanada Erickson at Amanada.Erickson@hdrinc.com.

Future Topics? Troubleshooting restaurants? Discussion on how to collaborate across jurisdictions and with FRO's – how to streamline processes (reporting, capacity planning), lessons learned.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, September 17th (Skipping August for CRRA) 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
Regional Guidance Document	Crowdsourced
 Tier 1 and Tier 2 clarifications List of Edible Food Recovery Organizations Local Ordinances California Retail Food Code (DEHQ) Contacts (jurisdictions, DEHQ, corporations) 	