

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, February 20th, 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)

- Abby Hunt – Republic Services
- Alma O. Fernandez – City of Escondido
- Annika Anderson – City of Oceanside
- Barbara Hughes – County of SD HHS
- Craig Jones – North County Food Policy
- Danielle Osborne – CalRecycle
- Dave Didonato – City of Chula Vista
- Ellyn Law – County of San Diego
- Elizabeth Prado, Life Acts
- Emily Schuetz – CalRecycle
- Janin Rodarte – City of Escondido
- Jennafer Steffen – City of Poway
- Jim Larson – Food Donation Connection
- Joshua Keyton – County of San Diego
- Juan Magdaraog - Escondido
- Julia Gallaway – County of San Diego
- Jill Larner – CalRecycle
- Leonardo Orenday – Republic Services
- Katherine Crow – County of San Diego
- Kirk Kinder – County of San Diego
- Lydia Donahue – Food Donation Connection
- Malika Sen – Solana Center
- Maricella Galarza; Imperial County Transportation Commission
- Molly Reeves – City of Carlsbad
- Monica Martinez – City of El Cajon
- Natalia King – County of San Diego
- Nicole Gucky – City of Solano Beach
- Nita Kurmins Gilson – ProduceGood
- Ofelia Andrade – City of Coronado
- Ricardo Rodriguez – National City
- Rocio Ramos – City of Oceanside
- Samantha Irwin – HF&H Consultants
- Sarah Walsh – Republic Services
- Serena Lee – City of La Mesa
- Stephanie Ewalt – EcoTech Consulting
- Stephanie Morris – Jimbo’s
- Timothy Hall – CalRecycle

2. Public Comments & Communications

- a. Open Comments
 - i. Jimbo’s – To kick off Earth Month, become a partner for [Food Waste Prevention Week](#) (Solana Center is also participating).
 - ii. Solana Center – Feedback from the field, some businesses are struggling to hear back from FRO partners, asking Food Banks direction/guidance.
 - 1. Food Banks not present, will circle back.
- b. Presentation: Food Donation Connection (Jim Larsen, Lydia Donahue)
 - i. See attachments for presentation.

- ii. Around since 1992. Role to coordinate surplus food donation. Currently working with about 20k donor agencies.
- iii. Reports are sent monthly and annually, can assist with jurisdictional reporting.
- iv. Questions:
 1. North County Food Policy County – How many San Diegan regional outlets are you now working with? What is the fee?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – Would need to confirm the number. Fee charge is based on a percentage of donor’s tax savings.
 2. Samantha Irwin - For eLogs, do individual generators have access for record keeping purposes?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – The eLog portal is always available to donors, as well as monthly and annual reports.
 3. Solana Center- Are you open to work with businesses who might not have consistent donations but more ad hoc donations?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – Can assist if there’s consistency on recipient and donor’s sides. If donations are more ad hoc, FDC can make the introduction, but communication of pickups would be up to both agencies. Pickups are typically on a scheduled basis.
 4. North County Food Policy Council – Do the services that Food Donation Connection provides to food generators satisfy the local jurisdiction requirements under SB 1383?
 - a. Overall, yes.
 5. Solana Center – How do you guide food generators with donating prepared foods?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – Food safety is our #1 priority, FDC works with food safety teams at donor sites to reinforce that:
 - i. No foods that have left the back-of-house can be donated.
 - ii. Foods are rapidly cooled through the danger zone, and ideally frozen prior to pick up.
 - iii. For generators that are unable to freeze food for donation, ensure cooling process and increase pickup frequency (every 2-3 days).
 - iv. ServSafe Food Handler’s certification is a requirement for all staff.
 6. City of Oceanside – How are you involved in terms of recordkeeping? Would jurisdictions need to reach out to the Food Recovery Organizations (FROs) or FDC?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – Records are provided monthly and should be kept in a binder onsite. FDC does not consolidate information for FROs, only donors. Trainings for FROs on obtaining records are available on their website.
 7. City of Oceanside – Would a copy of an MOU satisfy the agreement requirement for SB 1383?
 - a. CalRecycle – Yes, that would be a compliant contract.
 8. Solana Center – Are there 2 different agreements for donors and FROs?

- a. Food Donation Connection – Separate MOUs for donors and FROs. Agreements should be available onsite and on the portal.
- 9. Food Donation Connection – Is there a capacity limitation for Food Donation Connection to have agreements with additional food generators?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – No capacity restrictions.
 - b. Food Donation Connection – Smaller donors may instead be coached on employee meals, repurposing their menus, food safety, and connecting them with a charity.
- 10. EcoTech Consulting – Do you have example of smallest types of donors that you’re currently working with?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – Would need to follow up on this.
- 11. Jimbo’s – Are there particular types of containers that donors find is best for freezing? Are there expectations around the portion size of frozen foods to be donated?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – FDC can provide clear food-safe donation bags with preprinted labels with food safety requirements and a space for donors to write down food type, date, quantity, and location.
 - b. Food Donation Connection – Bags come in three sizes: 12x14, 15x17, and 23x24. Bags are generally not recommended for hot foods.
 - c. Food Donation Connection – Cambro pans can also be provided and reused in restaurants.
- 12. EcoTech Consulting – Are there any geographical limitations?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – No, coast to coast, in 30 different countries
- 13. Annika Andersen – Are the bags free of charge for donors?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – Generally not. Consumable bags are 7-8 cents a pack plus shipping. Reusable Cambro pans are discounted.
- 14. EcoTech Consulting – Who should consultants provide as a contact when in the field?
 - a. Food Donation Connection – Jim Larsen at Jim.Larson@foodtodonate.com or www.FoodToDonate.com

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

- a. Capacity Planning Reminder – Due to County on May 16th, 2024.
 - 1. [County Tools, Trainings, and Presentation](#) (bottom of page)
 - 2. Solana Center – One of the sectors where there is a lot of variation is wholesale food vendors. How are we looking to input this information in the tool?
 - a. EcoTech Consulting – Jurisdictions can either enter in a manual entry by calculating the average of both the high and low producers or provide more detailed calculations based on site visits if known.

- b. EcoTech Consulting – In the tool, there is an area for estimating tonnages for schools, the number in the tool is more closely associated with a district rather than individual schools. Consider that number closely associated with a district. If you’ve visited a district and know the real numbers, this will whittle down the estimated tonnage.
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion
 - 1. Past questions for CalRecycle: See [Regional Guidance Doc for Responses](#)
 - a. Solana Center – Regarding malls, discussion on who the contact should be. Per CalRecycle, malls could fall under the definition of a large venue. Responsibility is with mall management to ensure appropriate vendors are participating and compliant. For best practices, inspections should be conducted with mall management present.
 - i. County of San Diego – Would a plaza also fall under this guidance?
 - 1. CalRecycle – Yes if the plaza falls under the definition of a large venue.
 - ii. CalRecycle – Onus is on venue operator to ensure all their vendors know the requirements and have venue operator at a plaza be aware contracts and recordkeeping.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – Food banks requests that agreements are with the food facilities themselves, rather than with the plaza manger.
 - b. Solana Center - If we come across a Tier 2 restaurant on the outskirts of a mall’s property, should we inspect them individually or collectively under the mall’s management.
 - i. CalRecycle – Generators may fit multiple definitions, may be more beneficial to inspect them as a separate entity.
 - c. City of Carlsbad – Observations from previous Tier 2 large venue site visits:
 - i. Some venue operators had larger agreements with the venue itself when they had better connections with their tenants.
 - ii. Other venues had individual agreements where there was more of a disconnect with tenants.
 - 2. President of Canyon Crest Sustainable Initiatives - CCA Student conducting business outreach – discuss.
 - a. EcoTech Consulting - Cold calling businesses to help businesses (especially Tier 2s) navigate through SB 1383. Stephanie to provide a list of SB 1383 contacts per jurisdiction.
 - i. Solana Center – Initial concern with information being accurate.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – Shares this concern, will provide jurisdiction’s information and guides.

- ii. Jimbo's - Though Jimbo's falls under tier 1, feel free to pass along my contact as well. Stephanie Morris at stephaniemorris@jimbos.com
 - iii. CalRecycle – Student reached out to CalRecycle regarding using the complaint portal.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – Recommended that the student go through local jurisdictions first before going straight to complaint portal.
 - iv. Solana Center - For the cities that we are supporting, we are going to request that he syncs with us first as we want to ensure that businesses are not being overwhelmed.
 - c. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Myths and Challenges
 - i. DEHQ – Q&A
 - ii. DEHQ offer to host a webpage on County website for regional SB 1383 resources.
 - 1. County staff met with DEHQ to discuss layout and content.
 - 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)
 - i. CalRecycle – A local contract is not needed so long as local link is established through an existing contract. (I.e. A local contract would not be needed if an existing Feeding America contract had an addendum that included Feeding San Diego).
 - ii. Food Donation Connection – Memorandums of Understanding can be multi-level with major food bank or smaller FROs, reporting is up to charity if they want the reporting to go through their partnership with the FBs or not.
 - 1. Solana Center - Reporting should be submitted by local FROs to the jurisdiction that they are located in. Food banks would not be reporting on this.
 - f. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion
- 4. **SB 1383 – Public Education Resources**
 - a. [San Diego Regional Food Systems GIS Map](#)
 - i. North County Food Policy Council – Unable to enlist new interns for the spring semester. Fall semester interns currently working on mapping data for Coronado, Santee, and Chula Vista.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - d. Food donation videos (County led for regional use)
 - i. SB 1383-specific and general food donation
- 5. **Grants & funding**
- 6. **Legislation**
- 7. **News & Events**
 - a. CalRecycle info sessions:
 - <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/Subscribe/152>
 - i. [Capacity Planning – Feb 29th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.](#)
 - b. Zero Waste Symposium – Feb 28th at COC
 - c. Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Group (Feb or March meetings?)
 - i. City of Chula Vista – To follow-up with Stephanie regarding meeting information.
- 8. **Round Table**
- 9. **Adjournment**
 - a. *Next meeting Tues, March 19th, 2024 – 1 p.m. - 3 p.m*

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

Resource	Provided By
<p>Regional Guidance Document</p> <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
<p>Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results (Updated 9/15/2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Model tools (franchise agreement, edible food recovery agreement)</p>	CalRecycle
<p>Capacity Planning for Jurisdictions</p>	CalRecycle
<p>CalRecycle's web page for food donors</p>	CalRecycle
<p>CalRecycle's web page for food recovery organizations</p>	CalRecycle
<p>SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program</p>	CalRecycle
<p>Waste Free SD – Bin Cleaning Services</p>	County
<p>Tableau Food Recovery Capacity Survey Results Dashboard</p>	County/SDFSA
<p>San Diego Regional Food Systems GIS Map</p>	