

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

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

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions (please type name and affiliation in chat)

- Allie Blankemeier – Feeding San Diego
- Alma O Fernandez – City of Escondido
- Amanda Boudreault – City of San Marcos
- Annika Andersen – HF&H Consultants
- Craig Jones – North County Food Policy Council
- Danielle McIntosh – City of Poway
- David DiDonato – City of Chula Vista
- Elizabeth Prado - Life Acts
- Ellyn Law – County of San Diego
- Emily Schuetz – CalRecycle
- Gilberto Verdugo – City of San Diego
- Itzel Gonzalez Mesinas - City of Carlsbad
- Jacy Triboulet – Feeding San Diego
- Jennafer Steffen – City of Poway
- Jesse Oda – County of San Diego
- Joshua Keyton – County of San Diego
- Julia Gallaway – County of San Diego
- Kaitlyn Elliot-Norgrove – City of Del Mar
- Karen Clay – ProduceGood
- Kate Garrett – Feeding San Diego
- Kayla Thomson – San Diego Food Bank
- Kirk Kinder – County of San Diego
- Leonardo Orenday - Republic Services
- Lydia Donahue – Food Donation Connection
- Mallika Sen – Solana Center
- Melissa Perez – Republic Services
- Monica Martinez – City of El Cajon
- Natalie Penney – City of San Diego
- Neha Bharti – City of San Diego
- Nicole Grucky – City of Solana Beach
- Nita Kurmins Gilson – ProduceGood
- Ofelia Andrade – City of Coronado
- Paul Maechler – City of Encinitas
- Polina Osipova – City of San Diego
- Quincy Smith – City of San Diego
- Ricardo Rodriguez – City of National City
- Rocio Ramos - City of Oceanside
- Serena Lee – City of La Mesa
- Stephanie Ewalt – Ecotec Consulting
- Stephanie Ferris – City of San Diego
- Wbaldo Arellano – City of Imperial Beach

2. Public Comments & Communications

a. Open Comments

- i. Solana Center – Cities have been asking if other jurisdictions have received CalRecycle funding yet or if they have received any feedback from CalRecycle.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – County of San Diego reached out for additional information, still pending an update.
 - 2. City of Coronado – CalRecycle sent cities a request to update their budgets a month ago, assuming it will still be a couple more months.

- a. City of San Marcos – Followed up with CalRecycle last week, no update. City sent their budget modification as well.
 - 3. EcoTech Consulting – The original timeline for when funding was to come out was March.
 - 4. EcoTech Consulting – Update from CalRecycle was received after meeting: “Invoices will be going to accounting in the next week or so and money will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.”
- ii. Solana Center – City of Imperial Beach inquired CalRecycle about using initial funding for electric bikes to be used for inspections.
 - 1. City of Imperial Beach – CalRecycle denied request stating that the request was not considered part of their applicable criteria for funding.
- iii. ProduceGood - We are hiring a Program Manager! Visit <https://www.producegood.org/job-openings> to learn more.
- iv. City of Chula Vista – City of Chula Vista's annual South Bay Earth Day was held last Saturday, April 13th, with approximately 3,000 attendees. Provided reusable water bottles, metal straws, and mesh bags as prizes for participating in sorting activities.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – Did the City give out any bags or liners for food waste bins.
 - a. City of Chula Vista – Liners are typically reserved for businesses that have Chula Vista’s food waste containers.
 - 2. ProduceGood – These events/activities are essential for addressing “trash anxiety,” City of Chula Vista’s event/staff did a great job with informing attendees.
 - 3. City of San Diego – Was food served at the event and was an edible food recovery program implemented during the event?
 - a. City of Chula Vista – Yes, food was available during the event. Three bin (64-gal.) systems were implemented. Attendees were also informed that single-use plastic cutlery would not be allowed. Next year they will provide wooden utensils to swap out for single use ones.
 - 4. City of San Diego – Did the City of Chula Vista consider the event as a tier 2 large event and did their vendors have edible food recovery agreements?
 - a. City of Chula Vista – No, vendors did not have edible food recovery agreements in place. Vendors consisted of 2 food trucks and a shaved ice truck. Followed DEHQ’s guidance on not recovering from food trucks.
- v. ProduceGood – Attended a ReFED meeting where they showcased a 2022 report by the Pacific Coast Collaborative showcasing how different communities along the Pacific West Coast are making progress with food waste reduction; however, San Diego was not included in the report.
 - 1. Report to be included with minutes.

2. EcoTech Consulting – Pacific Coast Collaborative reached out to the County a few years ago, but communications fell off the radar.
- vi. Solana Center – Shoutout to both food banks for their assistance with capacity planning. Despite their huge workload, they have both been of great help for cities.

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process (Mallika)
 - a. Shared resources
 - b. Have any jurisdictions started enforcing?
 - i. Solana Center – Where are other jurisdictions at with enforcement? Solana Center obtained an NOV template from Marin County. Inviting cities to share their enforcement processes and templates if available. Aware that the County of San Diego, Chula Vista, and Carlsbad already have defined enforcement procedures.
 1. Marin County NOV template to be included with minutes.
 2. EcoTech Consulting – If there are any cities that want to make a NOV template, so that jurisdictions aren't recreating the wheel.
 3. City of Chula Vista – Happy to share NOV template. Where should it be sent to?
 - a. EcoTech Consulting – Should be emailed to stephanie.ewalt1@sdcounty.ca.gov, will compile and share templates out with the group.
 - ii. City of Chula Vista – Main focus is on education; however, now that we can enforce, the mentioning of enforcement during visits tends to stir conversations more towards compliance.
 1. EcoTech Consulting – Sometimes the warning is just enough.
 - iii. EcoTech Consulting – Has working with Canyon Crest Sustainable Initiatives (Brian Guo and team) been helpful for jurisdictions?
 1. City of San Diego – Met with Brian and his student advisor. Initial concern with having students make classification/compliance calls, would like to continue working together but would also want to limit confusion for businesses.
 2. County of San Diego – Brian spoke with County staff inquiring whether specific restaurants were on the County's radar. County staff informed him that they were on their list and that the County typically schedules visits in advance so to be mindful that each jurisdiction runs at a

different pace. Open communication with jurisdictions is essential to utilizing their resources.

- b. Capacity Planning Reminder – Due to County on May 16th, 2024.
 - 1. [County Tools, Trainings, and Presentation](#) (bottom of page)
 - a. EcoTech Consulting – Solana Center posed question to CalRecycle regarding how different methodologies are being used by jurisdictions for capacity planning.
 - i. Solana Center – CalRecycle confirmed that the County’s tool is correct in how it is being used and presented.
 - b. EcoTech Consulting – Regarding wholesaler and distributor reporting, the number of pounds disposed appears to calculate high in the toolkit.
 - 2. SANDAG population projections - added to regional sheet

- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion
 - 1. Past questions for CalRecycle: See Regional Guidance Doc for Responses
 - a. City of Chula Vista – Regarding Bayfront RV Park, originally believed to be a tier 2 hotel; however, CalRecycle provided guidance stating that RV parks would not be considered a tier 2 hotel.
 - 2. City of San Diego – While working on capacity planning, City is having to revisit how businesses were classified the first time around. As such, the following questions were raised:
 - a. City of San Diego – Waterfront Park is a county facility in the downtown area. For events hosted at this location, would they be considered city or county events? Concerned with double counting.
 - i. EcoTech Consulting – If the event is set in an outdoor venue or permitted through the City of San Diego, then it would be considered a city event.
 - ii. EcoTech Consulting - If an event is being held in a large brick and mortar venue (like a convention center), it should only be counted as either a large event or a large venue, but not both.
 - b. City of San Diego – For the events at waterfront park, we don’t enforce any waste regulations at that event, is that relevant?
 - i. County of San Diego - The County of San Diego oversees all scheduling and coordination at

- Waterfront County Park; however, waste management is a mix of County and CAC oversight.
- ii. CalRecycle – Situation could be treated like local entities where City of San Diego is responsible for education and outreach but not enforcement.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – Several jurisdictions have county facilities within their boundaries, would be good to connect on these topics.
 - iii. CalRecycle – Here are two of our guidance documents on identifying commercial edible food generators:
 - 1. [Guidance for Jurisdictions: How to Identify Commercial Edible Food Generators](#)
 - 2. [Definitions for Commercial Edible Food Generators for Non-Local Entities and State Agencies](#)
- c. City of San Diego – Regarding events that cross though jurisdictional boundaries, such as a bike event that is permitted with the City of San Diego but ends with a festival in City of Coronado. In this case, would Coronado handle the festival side of the event?
- i. EcoTech Consulting – Situation may be more complex since the event is permitted with the City of San Diego.
 - ii. Solana Center – Posed a similar question to CalRecycle regarding marathons.
 - 1. CalRecycle – If there are stops throughout the City of San Diego, they would need to be added to the City of San Diego’s event list. If food, water, and snacks are being passed out, jurisdiction can use their owner discretion.
 - iii. City of Coronado – Such events are not required to obtain a permit through the City of Coronado, so staff would be unaware.
 - 1. Solana Center – Communication amongst jurisdictions is key.
 - 2. EcoTech Consulting – Event would be under the jurisdiction that it is permitted with, numbers can be adjusted accordingly.
- d. City of San Diego – If a city is sponsoring, but not operating an event, then they would not be considered a tier 2 large event, correct?

1. EcoTech Consulting – Do you have a template or other resources available for FROs and FRSs?
 - a. City of Chula Vista – Not yet, but creating a template is on the docket.
 2. County of San Diego – Also important to take detailed notes on conversations with FROs to compare their verbalized practices with their reporting to ensure recovery outside of food bank agreements is not missed.
- ii. San Diego Food Bank – Observed pushback from partnered nonprofits, emphasize open lines of communications and a reminder to jurisdictions that recordkeeping and reporting is not their purview.
1. EcoTech Consulting – Has there been any more thought regarding food banks providing data directly to jurisdictions?
 - a. Feeding San Diego – No plans to change current reporting processes. Intention is for FROs/FRSs to own their data, allows them to include numbers that they are recovering outside of their agreements.
 - i. County of San Diego – Does this mean that FROs/FRSs can add pounds recovered outside their agreements to MealConnect.
 1. Feeding San Diego – No, data can be exported and downloaded by FROs/FRSs, outside recovery can later be added to the report.
 2. Food Donation Connection – FROs can pull pounds by generator for reporting. FDC also provides monthly trainings on how to acquire information for reporting.
- iii. Food Donation Connection – Where do FROs report their poundage, is there a specific website or form that is used for reporting?
1. EcoTech Consulting – No uniform way, reports are typically received by email or other means.
- iv. Food Donation Connection – Do FROs only need to report the names of each generator and pounds recovered per month?
1. City of Chula Vista – For annual reporting, name, address, and annual pounds recovered per generator is required.
 2. County of San Diego – County also requires contact information for each generator.
 3. Solana Center – Many cities also require food generators to provide annual reports.
 - a. Food Donation Connection – We also supply our food generators with regular reports that contain all required information for compliance.

- f. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion
 - i. San Diego Food Bank – After onboarding discussions (including food safety and donation requirements) with potential partner agencies, some donors have expressed feeling forced to donate despite not having excess amounts of donatable food.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – Are as needed agreements still recommended for restaurants. They appear to be a good solution but curious if it is just more busy work for the food banks.
 - a. San Diego Food Bank – As needed agreements are standard, but the current increased volume is new. There are a lot of donors that are currently being onboarded using as needed agreements. Partnering with a FRO or food bank is commonly just a check box on their to do list.
 - 2. City of San Diego – Hearing similar concerns from restaurants, recommend owners to seek an as-needed agreement especially for holidays and events.
 - 3. Solana Center – Staff always open the conversation with food donation is not mandatory, if you don't have food to donate then you do not have to get into an agreement.
 - a. Solana Center – Restaurants only have 9% of food waste that is potentially donatable.
 - ii. Solana Center – Is tracking donations to staff more burdensome than helpful? Many have expressed that if it is not required by law, then they will not track donations to staff.
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – If they are donating to staff, still best to encourage keeping records for best practices.
 - 2. EcoTech Consulting – For restaurants, good to focus on the organics recycling, especially if there is minimal excess donatable food.
 - iii. HF&H Consultants – Different jurisdictions are taking different approaches based on generator type. Looking into having different types of inspection forms based on sector type.

4. **SB 1383 – Public Education Resources**

- a. [San Diego Regional Food Systems GIS Map](#)
 - i. North County Food Policy County – Developing public and non-public platforms to map SB 1383 data, including data from Tier 1s, Tier 2s, FROs, and FRSS. Potentially receiving another intern for the summer session.
- 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.

- iii. CalRecycle – CalRecycle staff will follow up internally regarding creation of more Tier 2 documents.
- iv. CalRecycle – Reminder of SB 1383 Chat with CalRecycle tomorrow, April 17th.
 - 1. Register and install the latest version of Zoom in advance of this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErfu6trzgqG9w-ByJnKqsgVAXLhA6NKp6F>
- 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
 - 1. EcoTech Consulting – Food donation videos are nearing their final edits.
 - a. County of San Diego – If any jurisdictions would like to showcase specific photos for the video, please inform Joshua Keyton at Joshua.Keyton@sdcounty.ca.gov.

5. Grants & funding

6. Legislation

7. News & Events

- a. CalRecycle info sessions:
<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/Subscribe/152>
 April 17, 1-3, EFR – Highlighting positive collabs
- b. Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Group, contact Karen Clay @ info@ilovetoglean.org
- c. Food Rescue Hero Conference in October 2024 (dates TBD)
- d. SDFSFA Annual Gathering, Oct 17, 2024
- e. Edible Food Recovery Technical Council (CRRA), no membership needed, second Tuesday's of each month, 12 pm – 1 p.m.
- f. CRRA Conference 2024 in Anaheim, CA - August 18-21 (Shifting the Conversation)
- g. ReFed Food Solutions Summit – June – Baltimore

8. Round Table

a. No comments.

9. Adjournment

a. *Next meeting Tues, May 21st, 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>	