

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting [Join the meeting now](#)

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Agenda

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

2. Public Comments & Communications

- a. New meeting link reminder
- b. Open Comments
 - i. Evan Ehlers, Sharing Excess Presentation
 - i. See attachments for presentation
 - ii. Save 1mil in a half in dump costs
 - iii. Questions and Comments
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 - i. Nita Kurmins Gilson – Inern from Farmlink project, since Rm diego does not have the wholesale market that youre looking for. Is there a possibility for connection
 - Through Individual distributors and growers that could find value,
 - I love to Glean – hoping to mirror on a smaller scale, conversation offline regarding creating a food hub for south/south central county
 - Sharing excess - Love to collaborate with existing organization for boots on the ground, sharing excess does not need to lead. Potentially bring funders or partners
 - I love to glean – are you a nonprofit
 - Fully 501c3 nonprofit, .com forwards to .org
 - Mackenzie bolger, would love to learn more about food forward and partners
 - Email evan
 - ii. Mackenzie Bolger, San Garbiel Food Valley Food Hub Presentation
 - i. See attachments for presentation
 - a. Selected 3 nonprofit food banks to serve as hub for region
 - b. Goal – identify specific needs and how san gabirel could fill that gap
 - c. Looked into geographic diversity to serve support for various locations
 - d. Questions and Comments
 - i. City of San Diego – how was this program funded

- Pooling calrecycle local assistance grant funds, determined how much would be put towards this effort.
- 10-15 cities participating in expansion of this program (food hub), each city partnered together to fund transportation, etc.
 - Mainly from Calrecycle, cities, and smaller grants to continue into new phases of the pilot
- I Love to Glean – looked into various models, theres always a leading organization or group that ushers in this kind of concept into the area.
 - Next step in san diego is to
- City of san diego - How are you quatinfy the imapts of the hubs (before and after)
 - Metrics primarily based on pounds of foods recovered, coverted into meals served. Nature of a pilot – because of administrative challenges with pooling fundings and contracting, weren't able to finalize purhcases of quipment (until 6-8 month into the grant agreement, march/parl 2024) able to fund staffing. Goals for continue support is getting more metrics now that they're operating at a high capacity. Provide more time to adequately used equipment.
- Annika Anderson – Request- a lot of different agreements between cities, curious if you'd be able to redact agreements in order to share. To allow people to see how agreement were previously set up and run them by their city/county attornies.
 - Agreement was structured as US city A B C and the food recovery hub. Happy to share template for agreement, and template application used for organizations to become a hub
- County of San Diego - FJCAP – Draft items have been made publicly available

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
 - i. No updates
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion
 - i. City of San Diego – Has anyone run into... A distributor (pennsky) that juts distribute for starbucks, they have been pusjing back on needing an agreement. Pennsky pushing oinice on Starbucks donates don't meet restaurant requirements.
 - i Malika – How did pennsky get on your radar, are they on the city's PH list
 - a City of San Diego, to get back on how they were added on their list as a food distributor
 - b FSD – Work with pensky because their the ppl that transprots the

food, unsure if they have their own warehouse. They do dark drops (pennsky comes in the morning to drop off pallets in FSD warehouse everyday)

- i Mallika – all distributors have a warehouse, if there is a warehouse where it is being stored, that would be the place where it is happening. How does pennsky handle excess food that FSD rejects? Do they ever have excess food that can't be dropped off
 - FSD – only 1 or 2 times they've reject starbucks , changed methods and are now freezing their foods before donation. Not ideal for salads. To check with contact tht works with starbucks and see if theres a warehouse/any information that can be shared
 - FSD – are you looking for an agreement and recordkeeping
 - City of San Diego - team has already dont a city visit, will confirm address to make ultimate determination.
 - FSD - Pennsky has been hard to reach
 - County – have not run into pennsky unfortunately
- Mallika – Is anyone working with school districts on food donations
 - County – sent out letters notifying school districts, have not condcuted visits yet
- Maillika – all school distrcts visited, have programs in poace to donation tiems that are date coded (not as good about donating prepared foofd items). Having to do a lot of work on this bulk food items more omcplianted (funding for packaging, labeling) no funds for packaging, funds specific to food and nutrition for kids
- City of San Diego – exmapels of bulk food tiems
 - Mallika – rice, lasagna, spaghetti,
 - needs to be labeled for smaller portions, differs per FROs
- Cost for packaging, biggest stopping point
- County – what is the dominate preparation method for schools. Scratch cooking vs prepared foods
 - Mallika elementary scratch, middle & high prepared
- Molly Reeves – haven't seen a solutions on the school district wide side. Work with army navy academy that does a lot of bulk food, use chefs to end hunger that provides packaging services. Found organization that finds that opportunity
 - Mallika – chefs to end hunger and LifeActs, the only 2 mallika has seen that provides trays/packaging
 - Karen Clay – works with lifeacts on a lot of food recovery things, uses a lot of reusable containers that can be washes or alluinium trays
 - Mallika – who pays for your alluminum trays

- Karen – we do
 - Emily Schedult – checking out calrecycle funding pages, school districts a category. Encourage school districts to subscribed to list and communicate with calrecycle grant folks. [Funding - CalRecycle Home Page](#)
 - Kate - Some of our agencies do pick up prepared foods from schools but it has been a challenge over the years (packaging, logistics, etc). Most of our agencies rely on the schools to package the food but some are willing to take the larger trays and repackage if they have the appropriate licensing/permits and capacity to do so
 - Benefit to working with restaurant depot is that they have some of that packaging available for organizations. Biggest challenge is having enough agencies with enough capacity (especially with prepared foods and packaging)
 - Mallika – if working with restaurant depot can reuse packaging for donatable foods.
 - Mallika – packaging for FSD, is FSD willing to be a little more flexible on packaging they're willing to accept. Can be donated in foodgrade polyethethiline bags.
 - FSD – as long as its food grade, Feedign America standards requires first use.
 - FSD – we've done it in the past and an issue that was run into was if it was dignified, a bit of a concerns. Bags were not fully closed and creating messes of sauce. Not a reason not to explore it.
 - FSD – no policy in place that would prohibit foods in bags (cooked chieck in bags has preciously be received), comes down to agencies in the area, are they willing and able to receive those foods
 - Coutyn of san diego – does SDFB have any policies that would prohibit that?
 - SDFB - No, same here for food safe packaging
- c. Site Visits/Inspections – DEHQ Myths and Challenges
- i. DEHQ – Q&A
1. **Ongoing request:** All jurisdictions to add and/or update their resources on [Regional Guidance Document](#) under the tab Jurisdiction & DEH Contacts
 2. Mallika – from another city, received a fly that their DEH signed off on to do with food donations regarding buffets. Forwarded to vanessa for opinion, to be **attached with minutes**
 - 3.
- d. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits

- i. Share feedback and response from recent site visits (group)
 - i County of San Diego – josh’s speil
 - ii Polina – reports also due January 31st, sending out reminder emails and calls and emails past the date
 - iii Mallika – march and April deadline for solana center’s FROs, prepping visits for the first quarter of the year. Will the county be visiting in person?
- 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)
- b. [Additional GIS Map – FRO to Generator travel distance and connection \(not for general public yet\)](#)
- c. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - i. FSD – no official updates, sending out same resources on pulling reports from mealconnect as were sent out last year.
 - ii. SDFB – No updates – supplying nonprofit partners with annual reports again this year, if theres any other information available let them know
- ReFED released a new [report on the methane impact of food waste](#). While ReFED has long reported GHG impacts of food waste, this is the first time methane has been quantified on its own. The report accompanies an update to its [Impact Calculator](#), where you can change various parameters to calculate the impact of food waste – including methane emissions – in a specific scenario. ReFED also added new data for 2023 and features to its [Insights Engine](#).
- The [Compostable Field Testing Program](#) has been developing an open-access database of results from testing compostable packaging and food service ware. The [Results Dashboard](#) is now available online, with documentation coming soon.
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5. Grants & funding

- a. [HFFI Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund \(HFFI FARE Fund\)](#):
 - i. Eligible applicant entities include for-profit business enterprises (including a corporation, limited liability company, sole proprietor, public benefit corporation); cooperatively owned businesses; tax-exempt nonprofit corporations; institutions of higher education; state and local governments and governmental agencies, authorities, commissions and food policy councils; tribal governments and tribal governmental agencies, authorities, and food policy councils.
 - ii. The HFFI FARE Fund could assist a variety of organizations, business models,

and capital needs of ventures that process, distribute, aggregate, market, and sell healthy, fresh, and affordable foods to underserved communities and markets.

- iii. Multiple rounds of grant application deadlines **12/12/2024, 05/01/2025, and 10/02/2025**. Loans and technical assistance funding inquiry forms accepted on rolling basis.
- b. Catalyst [Nacy Jamison Fund](#) for Social Justice
 - a. Awards \$50,000 in unrestricted funding to leaders advancing racial equity and social justice in San Diego County
 - b. Nominations for the 2025 cycle open Thursday, September 12, 2024. **Nominations close December 31**, and in-person conversations with finalists will occur in February of 2025, with grant decisions announced in April 2025.

Patrick Leahy Farm to School: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/grant>

<https://www.sdfoundation.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant/>

[San Diego Foundation Grants \\$114.5 Million to Create Just, Equitable and Resilient Communities](#)

[San Diego Foundation Launches Fifty & Forward Anniversary Campaign to Grant \\$500 Million for Education, Children and Families, Environment](#)

[Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling \(SWIFR\) Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia](#)

The grants for Tribes and intertribal consortia will provide approximately \$20 million in awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$1.5 million each. The entities eligible to apply under this announcement are federally recognized tribes, including Alaskan Native Villages and former Indian reservations in Oklahoma. Intertribal consortia are also eligible to apply. **The deadline to apply for the SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia is March 14, 2025.** For the full details, please visit EPA's [SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia](#) web page.

[Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling \(SWIFR\) Grants for Communities](#)

The grants for communities will provide approximately \$58 million in awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$5 million each. The entities eligible to apply under this announcement are political subdivisions of states and territories (such as counties, cities, towns, parishes, and similar units of government). **The deadline to apply for the SWIFR Grants for**

Communities is December 20, 2024. For the full details, and to view recorded webinars about the funding opportunity, please visit EPA's [SWIFR Grants for Communities](#) web page.

Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Funding Opportunity – Closing soon!

The recycling education and outreach grant will provide approximately \$39 million for one award, and the EPA requires that all applications for this funding opportunity be coalition applications. For more information on the entities eligible to apply, please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity. EPA seeks applications for one cooperative agreement that includes three projects: (1) developing and implementing a national consumer wasted food reduction campaign, (2) expanding the market for and sales of compost, and (3) increasing education and outreach to households on composting. **The deadline to apply for the REO funding opportunity is December 20, 2024.** For the full details, please visit EPA's [Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program](#) web page.

EPA President's Environmental Student and Teacher Awards

EPA's is requesting applications for the 2025 President's Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) and Presidential Innovation Awards for Environmental Educators (PIAEE). PEYA recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects from students in Grades K–12 that promote environmental awareness and encourage community involvement. PIAEE recognizes outstanding Grade K–12 educators who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students.

Projects eligible for the awards can apply to a variety of environmental topics, including (but not limited to):

- Climate change
- Environmental justice
- Food waste
- Lead in drinking water
- Litter in oceans and waterways
- Recycling
- Agricultural practices
- Using STEM in environmental education

Application Deadline: January 15, 2025.

Application and eligibility information is available on [EPA's PEYA page](#) and [EPA's PIAEE page](#).

EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights is awarding approximately \$2 billion in [Community Change Grants](#) to fund **community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution** while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation. Funds for this grant program were made available by the Inflation Reduction Act. Eligible entities include partnerships between two community-based organizations (CBOs) or a partnership between a CBO and a local government, Federally-Recognized Tribe, or institute of higher education. Applications will be accepted **on a rolling basis**.

Objectives of the grant program are:

1. Provide resources for community-driven projects to address environmental and climate challenges in communities facing disproportionate and adverse health, pollution, and environmental impacts, and suffering from generations of disinvestment.
2. Invest in strong cross-sectoral collaborations with partners who bring a robust commitment to working with and for communities with environmental and climate justice concerns.
3. Unlock access to additional and more significant resources to advance environmental and climate justice goals from across the federal government and other sources.
4. Empower communities and strengthen their capacity to drive meaningful positive change on the ground for years to come.
5. Strengthen community participation in government decision-making processes that impact them.

Application Deadline: November 21, 2024

Initial Award Selections: March 2024

[Read full Notice of Funding Opportunity.](#)

[View Frequently Asked Questions about the Community Change Grants program.](#)

Danone International and FFAR – Sustainable Food Systems

Danone Institute North America is accepting proposals for the 2025-2027 DINA Sustainable Food Systems and the NEW Focus on Foods Initiatives. \$410,000 will be awarded to 8 grant recipients. Five of the grants will be awarded to five transdisciplinary teams that demonstrate a commitment to actionable and achievable projects contributing to the nutritional health of adult populations. An additional three new grants, funded by FFAR, will go to three teams whose projects focus on agriculture communities. **Application deadline is February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST.** [Learn more about this funding opportunity.](#)

ReFED Catalytic Grant Fund: Maximizing the Harvest

On-farm produce loss is a major contributor to food waste, with U.S. farms generating more than 17 million tons of surplus food in 2023 alone. This surplus—nutrient-rich fruits and vegetables—represents a missed opportunity to reach its original intended consumer, all while millions face hunger. ReFED’s Catalytic Grant Fund is seeking innovative technologies, solutions, and initiatives that can boost the harvest of this surplus, maximize its value, and establish new market opportunities while increasing profitability for farmers. **Letters of Intent to Apply are due January 21, 2025.** [Learn more about this funding opportunity.](#)

6. Legislation

1. Caitlin Barboza – AB 2346 – edible food to be counted to recovered organic waste procurement target, **to be added in meeting minutes**
https://digitaldemocracy.calmatters.org/bills/ca_202320240ab2346
 - a. A local jurisdiction may count up to 10 percent of its recovered organic waste product procurement target with both of the following recovered organic waste products. Mulch and...Edible food recovered in compliance with Section 18991.1 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations generated from a commercial food generator located within the jurisdiction. The conversion factor to be used to convert tonnage in the annual recovered organic waste product procurement target for each jurisdiction to equivalent amounts of recovered organic waste product shall be one ton of edible food for each ton of organic waste in a recovered organic waste product procurement target.
2. Mallika – question for FBs and jurisdictions regarding AB 660 (date labeling bill), how will this bill effect date code guidance of food banks, structured more towards used by or best if used by.
 - a. FSD – doesn’t officially take affect until July 1, 2026, been chatting with their food safety expert with feeding America, will wait to see what they say before making changing to their policies or simply updating language. Looking for last possible date fro this to be consumed
 - b. Mallika – if it’s a clear quality date (best if used by) (currently procedures will stay in place), if it’s a safety date (used by) stick with date
 - c. Calrecycle- initially 2025 pusehd to 2026
3. SDFB – going to affect more perishable products (milk eggs cheese), may need to reevaluate standards, internal nutriolnal policy communittee and will reach out to manufacturers. Because of law’s verbiage, will likely need to update policy to align with used by date.

7. News & Events

- a. [SDFSA Annual Gathering: Cooperation](#), Oct 17, 2024 – Escondido Center for the Arts
 - i. Attendees’ takeaways/updates
 - ii. I Love to Glean – 500 participants, good to see everyone and hear about the progress being made.
- b. [Food Rescue Hero Conference](#), October 24 & 25, 2024
 - i. Attendees’ takeaways/updates
- c. Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Group, December 18th from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more

information.

d. CalRecycle info sessions:

i. <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/>

ii. [SB1383 Chat w Calrecycle Past Recordings](#)

iii. CalRecycle – Chat w CalRecycle: Procurement of Recovered Organic Waste Products Nov. 19th from 1-3pm

e. [Edible Food Recovery Technical Council \(CRR\)](#), second Tuesday of each month from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. – no membership needed.

f. North County Food Policy Meeting – No meetings for remainder for CY due to holiday break

- 4/7 – 4/13: [Food Waste Prevention Week](#)
- 5/4 – 5/10: [International Compost Awareness Week](#)
- 6/23 – 6/25: [ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit – Seattle, WA](#)

8. Round Table

Karen – san diego promise zone community – task force to survey food needs for January flood victims, surveying 2000 families to understand food needs and status of their current needs, current living situations. 1 out of 2 in promise zone were food insecure before the floods. Speaking with multiple organizations looking for someone with a box truck to assist with visits to SDFB.

1. Kayla – Connect to brainstorm to cooperate transportation or with organizations for deliveries

County of San Diego – meeting canceled

- a. 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, December 17th from 1-3pm – cancel due to holidays?

SB 1383 Food Donation & Recovery Resources

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| <p data-bbox="207 302 589 331">Regional Guidance Document</p> <ul data-bbox="256 380 870 579" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="256 380 683 409">• Tier 1 and Tier 2 clarifications<li data-bbox="256 422 846 451">• List of Edible Food Recovery Organizations<li data-bbox="256 464 521 493">• Local Ordinances<li data-bbox="256 506 753 535">• California Retail Food Code (DEHQ)<li data-bbox="256 548 870 579">• Contacts (jurisdictions, DEHQ, corporations) | <p data-bbox="1138 302 1325 331">Crowdsourced</p> |