

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Working Group Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, January 21st, 2024, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions

- Alex Christie, City of Escondido
- Brooke Yaptangco Flinn, County of San Diego
- Caitlin Barboza, HF&H Consultants
- Christian Olivas, City of Lemon Grove
- Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council
- Danielle Osborne, CalRecycle
- Dave Didonato, City of Chula Vista
- Diana Jamaledine, City of Solana Beach
- Elizabeth Prado, Life Acts
- Ellyn Law, County of San Diego
- Emily Schuetz, CalRecycle
- Gio Cortes, City of Escondido
- Jacy Triboulet, Feeding San Diego
- Janin Rodarte, City of Escondido
- Jennafer Steffen, City of Poway
- Jim Larson, Food Donation Connection
- Joshua Keyton, County of San Diego
- Julia Gallaway, County of San Diego
- Karen Clay, I Love to Glean
- Kayla Thomson, San Diego Food Bank
- Kenneth Prue III, City of Oceanside
- Kirk Kinder, County of San Diego
- Kiyonna Navarro, ProduceGood
- Lydia Donahue, Food Donation Connection
- Mallika Sen, Solana Center
- Mia Impreso, County of San Diego
- Molly Reeves, City of Carlsbad
- Monica Martinez, City of El Cajon
- Nicole Grucky, City of Solana Beach
- Ofelia Andrade, City of Coronado
- Polina Osipova, City of San Diego
- Ricardo Rodriguez, City of National City
- Rocio Ramos, City of Oceanside
- Suzan Ehdaie, City of Coronado
- Wbaldo Arellano, City of Imperial Beach

2. Public Comments & Communications

a. Open Comments

- i. County of San Diego - Food Justice Community Action Plan provided to Board of Supervisors: [Dec 11, 2024](#)
 - i 13 actions were selected for detailed implementation and fiscal impacts, with a memo/report back due **April 2025**, ahead of budget hearings. OSEJ is collaborating with County departments to identify implementation steps and potential fiscal costs and resources.

- ii Items 3a, 3b, 3c selected for action impact Edible Food Recovery. Can follow up on these items by visiting the [FJCAP website](#) and [reviewing the past actions](#).
- ii. Solana Center: Jan 22, 2pm Solana Center is hosting SB 1383 Food Compliance Webinar

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

- a. Enforcement Plans/Process
 - i. City of Chula Vista: Chula Vista has developed a new inspection checklist for visiting businesses. Haven't started enforcement procedures, but in the process of starting it.
 - i Solana Center: Are you [City of Chula Vista] scheduling inspections or just showing up?
 - a) City of Chula Vista: We are just showing up. There was a prior wave of engagement with businesses, educating on SB 1383 and requirements, so businesses should know what to expect upon the visit. Realized it wasn't very efficient to schedule visits.
 - i The inspection checklist sent to businesses includes the 30-day follow-up date.
 - b) County of San Diego: The County is notifying businesses prior to visits.
 - c) Solana Center: Solana Center contractors are notifying businesses to schedule visits as well but has a stipulation if they cannot get in contact with the business after 2 attempts then they will show up regardless.
 - d) City of Chula Vista: How do you get the contact?
 - i Solana Center: When doing the first wave of education, contact information was collected. Sometimes you do just have to show up for the visit and update the records after.
- b. Tier 1 & 2 – Questions & Discussion
 - i. Life Acts: As a FRO seeing what Tier 1 & 2 businesses are doing about food recovery, there is still a lot of education and relearning that needs to be done.
 - i Solana Center: Good practice to ask FROs, if they've spoke to generators or feel comfortable raising concerns to food bank partners or jurisdiction.
 - ii. City of San Diego: Recently did a visit to a FRO that had was given rotting food as donations (donation dumping). What are other cities doing/how do you enforce on donation dumping?
 - i Solana Center: 1) Encourage the FRO to speak up. Food banks are willing to provide support and will even join on pickups if need be but they need to know about the issue to support. 2) Feedback needs to go back to the generator's shipping & receiving contact not just to the manager, who oftentimes doesn't interact with the actual donating. This can be done w assistance from the foodbanks or jurisdictional contacts. 3) FROs are not obligated to pick up food they can't use, that is the law. 4) Generator

inspections help with donor education.

- ii County of San Diego: Have multiple avenues to report donation dumping:
 - a) Online anonymous portal
 - i Polina Osipova, City of San Diego: What happens to all the reports that come through the County's online platform?
 - County of San Diego: Depending on what information is provided, action is taken appropriately. A follow-up communication is typically sent no matter what's provided. The platform is not utilized often.
 - b) In person visits
 - c) Reaching out to foodbanks
 - iii ProduceGood: Have an all-staff meeting with the business, sharing on the legality of donating, where the food is going, why donating good food is important. Turnover in a business has been an identified issue because not all new staff is properly trained on food recovery. Additionally, different FROs take different things, which can cause more confusion with the food generating businesses.
 - iv Life Acts: Developing relationships at all levels of the business (receivers, managers, and owners, etc.) is very important. Life Acts has started offering badges to FRO volunteers, so it makes them feel more connected with the cause and feel like they have a bigger responsibility to do well.
 - v City of Chula Vista: Encourage FROs to say "no" to the bad donation and give the bad food directly back to the donor staff so they understand what they are doing wrong. Also, don't collect it and put it in the organics bin for the donor business.
 - vi San Diego Food Bank: Putting onus back on the donor is great. At all times possible, encourage the FROs to let the foodbanks know of any issues. In SDFB trainings, examples of potential interactions are quite helpful.
 - a) Food donors need to aspire to have 100% of donations fit for human consumption.
 - b) Feeding San Diego: Donor guidelines and best practices exist what is / isn't donatable.
- 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. Solana Center: Has heard a few times that health care facilities are worried about the process and the logs that need to be maintained, it's very time consuming and burdensome. Could a onetime check be sufficient?
 - DEHQ (following meeting): Code does not require that logs be completed, but it does require that potentially hazardous food be properly cooled and the best way to know that it is - is to verify

and document in a log. The logs are recommended, but it is not required. Nuances may exist when those facilities are regulated by CDPH.

- d. Food Recovery Organization Site Visits
 - i. Share feedback and response from recent site visits (group)
 - i. County of San Diego – FRO site visit recap
 - a) County of San Diego: 17 of 19 FROs have been visited. County advises FROs to get the annual reports via the foodbank portals. Annual reporting is due Jan 31. Half received been received so far.
 - b) County of San Diego: In this round of annual visits, County staff have been asking FROs questions related to the Food Justice Community Action Plan – what would be the best way the County can support FROs and their successful longevity? There were asks for electricity funding, dry storage units, cost alleviation for organic waste service. Additional funding for labor was a lower priority.
- e. Recordkeeping & Reporting (FRO's and Generators)
 - i. City of Chula Vista: How do FROs send jurisdictions the annual reports?
 - i. San Diego Food Bank: FROs can pull numbers from their own account portal with SDFB. If the FRO has multiple donors (outside SDFB), the FRO will have to tally up the numbers on their own.
 - ii. City of Coronado: In Coronado, annual reports are requested/received via email. If I don't hear back, I drop by the FRO property and have them provide a hardcopy.
 - iii. City of San Diego: For the City of San Diego, there is [an online reporting form](#) where FROs submit their annual numbers. In addition, there's a request to attach their records when they submit their yearly total. Also ask to see records during the site visit. The FROs may submit their reports directly from FSD or SDFB, or they may use the City of San Diego template for reporting donations from outside those relationships.
 - a) Some tips for anyone looking to set up an online reporting portal: Having reminders of due dates is very helpful for FROs. Ask for the FRO to attach the records for verification and to identify any issues. Easy and simple is best. City uses Seamless Docs set up through internal IT. It generates a PDF with the responses to the questions and allows for attachments. City can attach pound totals using Recyclist.
 - iv. Solana Center: For the cities we support, we also do an annual reporting request. We focus on doing the FRO visits at the beginning of the year too, that way we can use the site visit to help them if they have any questions about annual reporting.
 - v. County of San Diego: In the unincorporated areas, FROs get multiple notifications that the annual reports are due Jan. 31st. The County also conducts their annual FRO visits at the end/beginning of a year as a way to remind about site and reporting requirements and offer any support.

- f. Other roadblocks, concerns for discussion
 - i. Solana Center: Figuring out additional edible food recovery capacity—how do we find FROs who are willing to recover, specifically prepared foods—reach out to [Mallika Sen](#) with any suggestions.

4. SB 1383 – Public Education Resources

- a. Craig Jones, North County Food Policy Council:
 - i. [San Diego Regional Food Systems GIS Map](#) (General link)
 - i. Updates for last fall semester are up with new demographics identified.
 - ii. [Additional GIS Map – FRO to Generator travel distance and connection \(not for general public yet\) –](#) (Available to the EFR working group only.)
 - i. Have added the County and City of Chula Vista’s updated list of FROs.
 - ii. If any of the EFR Working Group members would like the new link, reach out to [Craig Jones](#) via email.
 - iii. Getting ready for a new viewing system on the platform coming soon.
- b. San Diego Food Bank: 1) Do you [Craig Jones] have feedback from jurisdictions on potential applications of the GIS Map? 2) Is routing food pickups/deliveries a potential feature for the future of the additional GIS map mentioned in 4.a.ii?
 - i. North County Food Policy Council: There is an element of routing in the current map. It maps connections between FROs and donors. By clicking on the connecting line, it will show travel time and such.
 - ii. County of San Diego: County hopes to use the map as a way to mature the EFR program and especially to gather data for the Food Justice Community Action Plan.
 - iii. North County Food Policy Council: The maps will also be helpful to show closer unrealized relationships that could be utilized by FROs and donors alike.
 - i. Solana Center: A potentially useful tool would be to add a key/layer to show which FROs have available capacity.
- c. Food Bank updates on education efforts to partners
 - i. Annual reporting is happening.
 - ii. San Diego Food Bank: SDFB is launching an annual agency survey to be released in the middle of Feb (2/17). Send any questions you want included by then. The final draft will be released in March.
 - i. It will be a survey on the types of support that FROs can benefit from.
 - a) E.g.: “Of these items you are having difficulty with please select one of the three...?” The next step will be to decide if the foodbank should reach out to the associated jurisdiction regarding the FRO’s answer or if the foodbank should offer the resources directly?
 - ii. City of San Diego: An interesting topic to gather data on is if FROs rent the space they are working out of. Would funding for rent be a sizeable help or no? It is an eligible expense under the CalRecycle grant.
 - iii. I Love to Glean: A similar survey was completed by the County: [Food](#)

[Donation Action Plan.](#)

- d. Solana Center: Is there any hope for FROs to have discounted organic waste service costs?
 - i. County of San Diego: Please the new tab titled “Organics Resources for FROs” of the [Regional Guidance Document](#) that can aggregate resources/ideas that can be shared with FROs to address concerns about organics management.
- e. EPA’s New Tool: [Quantifying Methane Emissions from Landfilled Food Waste](#)
 - i. Report and calculator that could be helpful for grant applications.

5. Grants & funding

- a. **[ReFED Catalytic Grant Fund:](#)** 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.
 - i. **Letters of Intent to Apply are due January 21, 2025.**
- b. **[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.
 - i. **Application deadline is February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST. [Learn more about this funding opportunity.](#)**
- c. **[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.
- d. **[Grant Opportunity Announcement: EPA Thriving Communities Grant Program](#)**

The International Community Foundation (ICF) and its partners are excited to announce the launch of the EPA Thriving Communities Grant Program, which will provide \$48 million in funding to support disadvantaged communities addressing critical environmental and health issues.

- i. Orgs working in clean water access and building healthier more resilient communities focus areas
 - ii. Award amt ranging from \$150,000 to \$350,000 to eligible nonprofits, local governments, grassroots organizations, and communities in San Diego, Orange, and Imperial counties. Special outreach will be conducted for Spanish-speaking and U.S.-Mexico border communities
 - i **Application Portal Opens: January 15, 2025 ([click here to access the application process](#))**
 - ii **Rolling Application Review:** Submit early for priority consideration
- e. **[San Diego Foundation Grants](#)**
- i. **[Carlsbad Charitable Foundation Grant](#)**
 - i Orgs working in the food insecurity space (amongst other focus areas) can apply
 - ii Applicants can be 501(c)3 public charity, or an organization that is fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3, a school, or other government agency
 - iii Award amt \$10,000 up to \$25,000
 - iv **Deadline to apply by Feb 7th at 5pm**
 - ii. **[Escondido Community Foundation](#)**
 - i Orgs working in food access space can apply
 - ii Applicants can be 501(c)3 public charity, or an organization that is fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3, a school or other government agency
 - iii Award amt \$15,000 up to \$40,000
 - iv **Deadline to apply by March 24th by 5pm**

6. Legislation – No updates.

7. News & Events

- a. I Love to Glean: 80% (~2,000 families) of the comprehensive survey on food requirements from the January 2024 flood victims is complete. Senior Gleaners are doing distribution to the Promise Zone area. Might have found a kitchen to do mass food preparations. Meal gap still exists.
- b. CalRecycle info sessions:
 - i. Email Distribution: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/emailupdates/>
 - ii. [SB1383 Chat w CalRecycle Past Recordings](#)
 - iii. Summer TBD – Large Events & Venues Organic Recycling Topic Area
- c. [Edible Food Recovery Technical Council \(CRRA\)](#), second Tuesday of each month

- from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. – no membership needed
- d. North County Food Policy Meeting – no February meeting. Contact Craig or visit their [website](#) to sign up for more info.
 - e. Live Well San Diego South Region Food Insecurity Group, January 22nd from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Contact Karen Clay at info@ilovetoglean.org for more information. Hunger Coalition provided an update and Kimberly Greene spoke on the food justice plan. February meeting is in person.
 - f. Solana Center’s Commercial Food Waste Compliance Webinar – January 22nd from 2:00 - 3:00 PM
 - g. 4/7 – 4/13: [Food Waste Prevention Week](#)
 - h. 6/23 – 6/25: ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit – Seattle, WA

8. Round Table

- 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.
 - i. North County Food Policy Council: Request for more Tier II food donation and reprocessing resources. Report on the region’s capacity for reprocessing food. What do folks do with donatable food that needs to be reprocessed and how to know when it’s truly waste.
 - i I Love to Glean: Still desperately searching for a large kitchen to help with food recovery efforts, especially one that can stay open late. Would be especially beneficial in repackaging items into manageable quantities for families and to reheat items before distribution.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Tues, February 18th from 1-3pm

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)	<p>Crowdsourced</p>