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RE: SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery – Tier 1 Generators

Dear Business Representative,

Recovering surplus edible food to feed people is not only a great idea, but also a California law, starting January 1, 2022. This effort will increase access to nutritious food for members of our community, while reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions resulting from food ending up in a landfill.

Our initial research has identified your business as a “Tier 1 Commercial Edible Food Generator” which is defined as one of the following: a supermarket, grocery store with 10,000+ square feet, food service provider, food distributor, or wholesale food vendor.

What is Senate Bill 1383?

In 2016, Governor Brown signed [Senate Bill 1383](#) (SB 1383) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including methane from organic waste. SB 1383 sets goals for California businesses to reduce disposal of organic waste in the landfill, including recovering the maximum amount of surplus edible food for human consumption.

What does my business need to do?

All Tier 1 Generators will need to do the following to comply with SB 1383 requirements:

- Recover the maximum amount of surplus edible food that would otherwise be disposed of (as compost or landfill) to feed people,
- Have a written agreement/contract with all food recovery organizations/services that pick up or receive edible food from your business, and
- Maintain records of type, frequency and pounds of food recovered each month.

We are here to support your efforts to comply with the new edible food recovery regulations. We can answer questions, help you find compatible food recovery organizations, and provide a template contract. Together, we can do this important work for our community and the planet.

Sincerely,

Mariposa County Department of Public Works