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TO: Programs & Administration Committee/Recycling Board

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SUBJECT: Alameda County Food Recovery Network & Edible Food Recovery Reporting Updates

SUMMARY

For the past decade, StopWaste has strengthened partnerships with food recovery organizations to better understand their needs. As part of this effort, StopWaste regularly convenes the Alameda County Food Recovery Network, a diverse group of organizations committed to recovering and donating surplus edible food. At the July 11 board meeting, staff will provide an overview of the network, share the results from the 2023 Edible Food Recovery Report, and highlight how the network supports efforts to address food insecurity and reduce wasted food in Alameda County.

DISCUSSION

StopWaste formed the Alameda County Food Recovery Network three years ago to help support SB 1383 edible food recovery implementation requirements and expand capacity and food recovery coordination in the county. The network includes a wide range of food recovery organizations and other community groups (faith-based organizations, housing agencies, etc.), all working to help facilitate the rescue and redistribution of edible surplus food in Alameda County (see list of organizations attached). The network is united by a common goal to ensure that surplus edible food is put to its highest and best use—to nourish communities. The network provides a space for over 50 participating organizations to collaborate, connect, and build relationships to strengthen the county’s food recovery landscape.

SB 1383 requires food recovery organizations that recover donated food from large Tier 1 and Tier 2 commercial edible food generators to report the amount recovered annually to their local jurisdiction. StopWaste assists all jurisdictions in Alameda County with collecting this data to help standardize the report countywide. The jurisdictions then report this information to CalRecycle. During the presentation, staff will present results from these recovery efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

Attachment:

Edible Food Recovery Network Member List

Organizations	City
Alameda Food Bank	Alameda
Food Shift	Alameda
The Prep Station	Alameda
Berkeley Food Network	Berkeley
Berkeley Food Pantry	Berkeley
Center for Food Faith & Justice	Berkeley
Common Vision	Berkeley
Daily Bread	Berkeley
Dorothy Day House	Berkeley
East Bay Food Justice Project / Food Not Bombs - Berkeley	Berkeley
Replate	Berkeley
The Bread Project	Berkeley
University Village UC Berkeley	Berkeley
First Presbyterian Church Hayward	Castro Valley
Emeryville Citizens Assistance Program - ECAP	Emeryville
Irvington Presbyterian Church	Fremont
TCV Food Bank (Tri-City Volunteers)	Fremont
Hope 4 The Heart	Hayward
South Hayward Parish	Hayward
The Peace Haven	Hayward
San Leandro Community Food Pantry	Hayward
Goodness Village	Livermore
Interfaith Sharing	Livermore
One Nation Dream Maker	Livermore
Open Heart Kitchen	Livermore
Tri Valley Haven	Livermore
Shepherds Gate	Livermore
The Salvation Army Tri-Cities Corps Community Center	Newark
Alameda County Community Food Bank	Oakland
Arsola's Distributions Center and Community Services	Oakland
CityTeam	Oakland
Cocina del Corazon	Oakland
Downtown Streets Team	Oakland
East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALC)	Oakland
Essential Food & Medicine	Oakland
FACES of the East Bay	Oakland
Food of God	Oakland
HOPE Collaborative	Oakland
Lake Merritt United Methodist church	Oakland
Mary Barber Ministries	Oakland
Mercy Brown Bag Program	Oakland
Oakland Communities United for Equity and Justice (OCUEJ) / Self Help Hunger Program	Oakland
Project Open Hand	Oakland
Saint Vincent de Paul	Oakland
Food Connect	Philadelphia
Copia	San Francisco
SOS Meals on Wheels	San Leandro
San Lorenzo Family Help Center	San Lorenzo
Daily Bowl	Union City
Union City Family Center/NHUSD	Union City
Foodrecovery.org	Washington