

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 15

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE COUNTYWIDE FOOD PROCUREMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) established a countywide food contract to provide food and related services to those that are in the care or custody of the County, including those individuals in the Sheriff's Office's custody and at the Health and Human Services Agency's Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility. However, all County departments can use the countywide food contract. On December 5, 2023 (26), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Board Policy B-75, *County of San Diego Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy*. Board Policy B-75 outlines six value categories to guide the County's food procurement process: local sourcing, equity-informed sourcing, elevated labor standards, organic or regenerative certification, low-carbon intensity, and nutritional co-benefit.

On March 12, 2024 (12), the Board authorized a competitive solicitation for a contract for food, food preparation supplies, and equipment that incorporates the six value categories of Board Policy B-75. This authorization also required that the supplier selected track data and metrics regarding fulfillment of these six value categories. In addition, the Board directed the development of an action plan to find, uplift, and cultivate local businesses to serve as providers for these larger food contracts through working in partnership with local stakeholders.

Today's action requests that the Board receive an update on the progress from the March 12, 2024 (12) action.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Receive an update on the countywide food procurement.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) provides millions of meals annually to some of the most vulnerable people in the region. Multiple departments across the County enterprise purchase food, food preparation supplies, and equipment on a large scale to meet its food provision obligations, in part governed by State and Federal law, and to those within the County's care. In order to meet the various food services requirements across the County, a countywide contract was established to allow multiple County departments to purchase these services and supplies in bulk and on an as needed basis. Establishing a countywide contract that incorporates Board Policy B-75, *County of San Diego Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy*, focuses County operations to positively impact the food system for local food producers, workers, and businesses owned and/or operated by underserved communities. Sysco Foods, the countywide food contractor, will include local suppliers in their catalog that are committed to local sourcing, equity-informed sourcing, elevated labor standards, organic or regenerative certification, low-carbon intensity, and nutritional co-benefit. Additionally, in order to develop the action plan to connect local businesses as providers to larger food contracts, staff will leverage community partnerships to engage and connect suppliers in the food system to information on

how to do business with the County and procurement technical assistance resources to increase participation of local, small, and diverse suppliers on the countywide food contract and on future food related contracts.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action is part of the implementation of Board Policy B-75, *County of San Diego Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Policy*, which supports the County's Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services, policy decision making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities; the County's Sustainability Goal #4, to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted; and the County's Sustainability Goal #7, to reduce pollution and waste and demonstrate reduction in consumption of resources.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The County purchases food, food preparation supplies, and equipment on a large scale to provide millions of meals annually. The countywide food contract with Sysco Foods requires local suppliers to be included in Sysco Foods' catalog, which will have a positive impact on the local business community. Sysco Foods will work with County departments to establish a training program that builds the capacity and trains future generations, of local, small, and diverse businesses.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Vargas

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter

