

Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

January 24, 2024

12:00-1:00 pm via Zoom

Recorded by Tammy Sachse

1. Welcome & Introductions- Jen Werlin, UI Extension Educator; Tammy Sachse, Extension Assistant; Andrea, Food for Good; Kelly Romines-Teton Valley Recycling; Elaine Fiore-Florida Food Waste Prevention Week; Derek & Kamise Mullen- Farm in Driggs; Laurel Eastman- Victor Citizen Climate Law; Curtis Haderlie-Swan Valley famer/Recycler business; Siana Hester and Sue Heffron-Food Pantry; Iris Saxer-2020 Teton Recycling manager.

2. Roundtable to learn what others in food waste reduction, recovery and composting are doing.

Curtis is a residential/commercial recovery food waste management business. The food waste he mixes with wood chips and makes his own compost then that he grows and sells food on his 7 acers. He drops off and picks up 5-gallon buckets mainly in Jackson Wyoming. He does fine people if the wrong things are turned in to recycle. He said that education and people about composting and what can be composted. He said that composting is a win for the soil. He is online to schedule pickup and sell his food.

Iris talked about the grant that they received in 2020 for fifty compost bins and then increased it to 300 bins around the valley. Most of these are people just composting in their own back yards.

Angela talked about the grant that they where able to include farms like Sweet Hollow and Foraging Farms to have the People take Food waste directly to the farms. Farmers did have to educate people on what they could use.

Angela with food for good is collaborating with the Swan Valley General Store. They make two trips a week and have been able to give all the food away. They had to rebuild after losing Broulims in Driggs.

Food Panty is going to Broulims 6 days a week to collect food and then it gets weight and barcode marked out then goes right on the self and is not lasting long.

Elaine Fiore: Food Waste Prevention Week is April 1-7, 2024

She is a teacher that worked with the state, food banks and started this Food Waste Prevention week in Florida. www.foodwastePrevetnionweek.com

Nutritional planning team

Created Social Media Campaigns

Have a tool kit for groups to use.

Partner benefits and map

Impact Metrics

2023 How to save and use what you have slogan.

Feb. 8th and Jan. 30th are webinars.

Jen would like to see if the group could get together and maybe plan some kind of Food Waste Prevention program that week or maybe during earth day.

Iris said that she could work with RUES to maybe do a Food waste audit during the Week of April 1-7th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm

3. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday February 28th, 2024.

Article of interest:

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/usda-invests-approximately-115-million-in-composting-and-food-waste-reduction-projects-in-23?utm_campaign=0125urbganag&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdeliv