



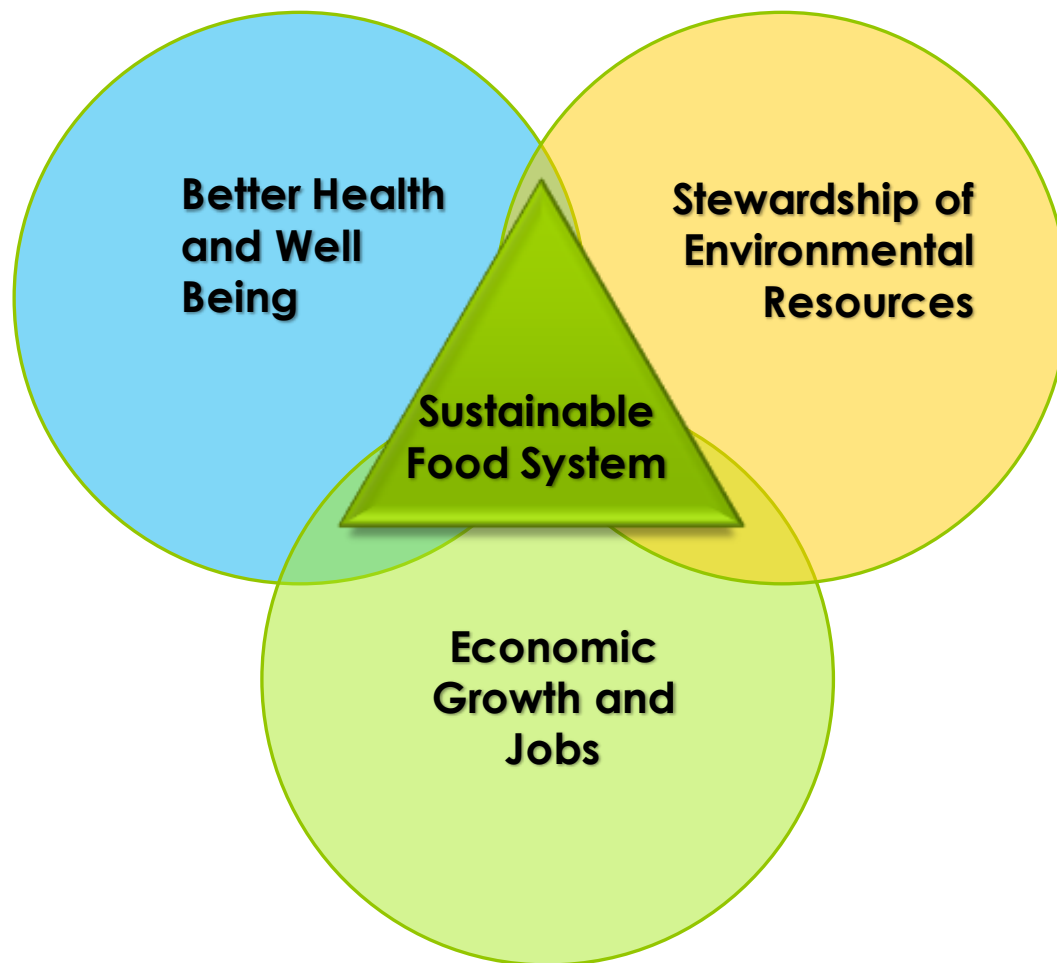
County of San Diego

*Live Well*  
*San Diego*  
Food System  
Working Group:

Food  
Recovery

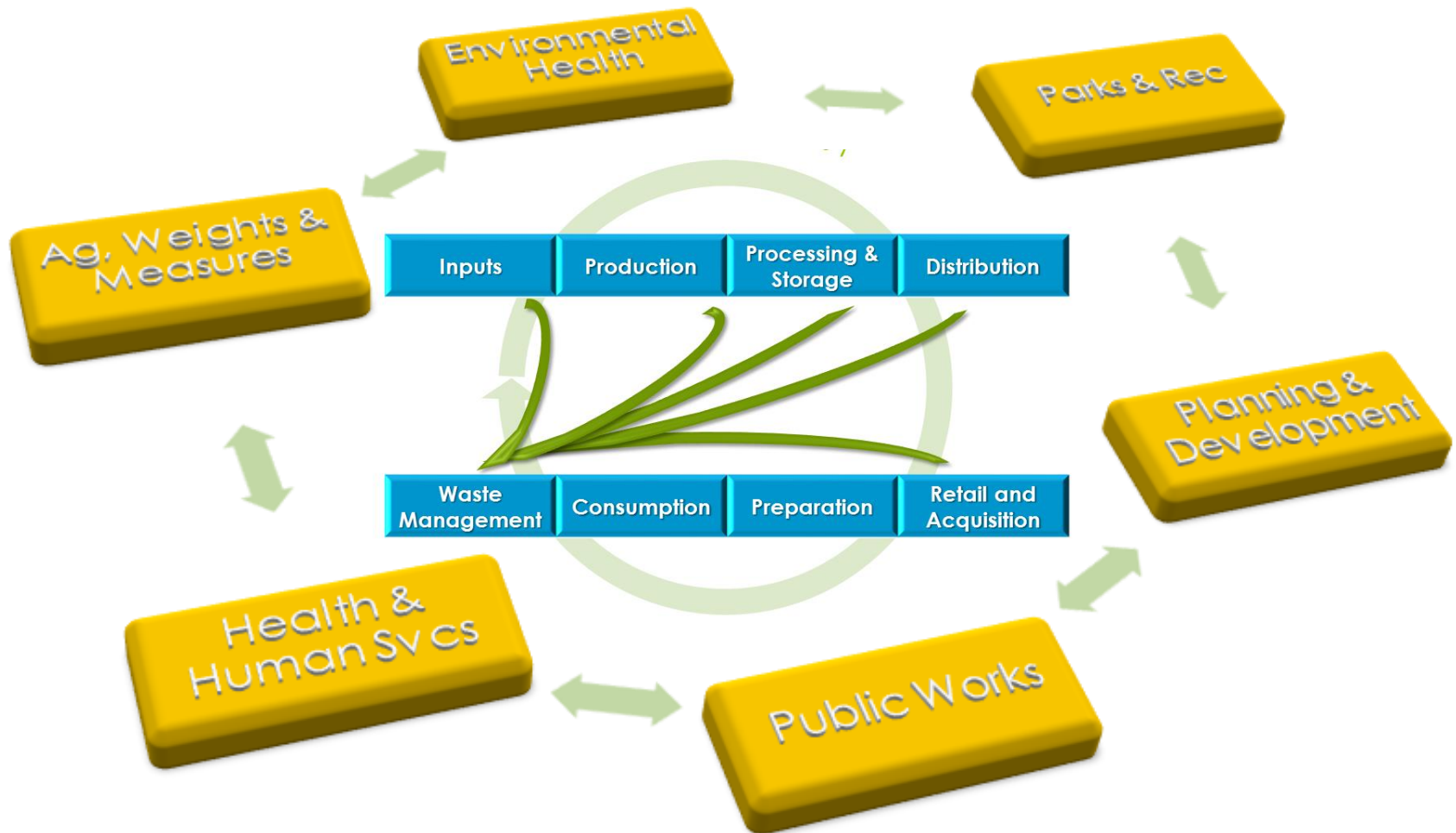


# Sustainable Food System





# County Food System Task Force Formation





## Waste & Hunger

**Up to 40% of all food grown is wasted:  
Wasted water, energy, labor,  
environmental impacts**

**1 in 6 San Diegans are food insecure.**

**Increase Food Recovery:  
Health, economic & environmental benefits**



# Food Recovery Hierarchy

[www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge](http://www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge)

## Source Reduction

Reduce the volume of surplus food generated

## Feed Hungry People

Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters

## Feed Animals

Divert food scraps to animal feed

## Industrial Uses

Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and food scraps for digestion to recover energy

## Composting

Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment

## Landfill/ Incineration

Last resort to disposal



Food Waste



Compost



Soil Inputs





**Wasted Food**



**Recovery**



**Food Insecure  
People**



In the United States, 1 in 6 people



struggles with hunger



## Harvest

- Gleaning- residential properties
  - Donation
  - Diversion (composting) of spoiled or damaged loads
- Food recovery on farms
  - Donation
  - Diversion (composting)
  - Source Reduction

## Processing/Packaging

- Packing houses
  - Donation
  - Diversion (composting)

## Distribution

- Transportation/delivery companies
  - Donation
  - Diversion (composting)

- Food banks
  - Diversion (composting) of spoiled or damaged loads

## Retail

- Grocery/Farmer's Markets
  - Donation
  - Diversion (composting)
  - Source Reduction

## Food Service: restaurants, catering, large venues, grocery/farmers' markets

- Prepared food recovery/donation
- Source reduction
- Diversion (composting)





# Challenges & Opportunities

- Many existing groups & partners: food banks, meal services/pantries, advocacy & policy groups, gleaners/recovery groups, recyclers, government agencies & private institutions
- Effective and timely information exchange between generators/donators and food recovery organizations
- San Diego's agricultural sector/year round growing season
- Private industry champions
- Ensure safe food handling during recovery
- Building capacity within food recovery groups: increased transportation and cold storage
- Distribution to 'food insecure' residents
- Waste diversion laws & incentives to donate
- NRDC and Ad Council campaign in the fall





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*Thank You!*