

# We Are The Food Bank

Partner Agency Newsletter  
January 2026



**Dear Partners,**

Happy New Year! We are excited to begin the year by welcoming you to our first Partner Agency Meeting of 2026. Our team has taken into consideration the feedback we received as we developed the agenda for this meeting. Thank you all for your transparent communication. We want to continue to plan collaboratively. Collective action, acting together, is how we will rise as a community and keep our community nourished.

We hope that your participants enjoyed the bonus products that they have been receiving. As a reminder, as an effort to get to know your organizations better and the wonderful work that you all do, I will start scheduling site visits. If there is a date that you already have in mind, send me an email.

Grateful for your partnership and support as we continue to move our work forward.

**In Community,**

Adriana Mata

Chief Community Impact Officer

## Agency Network Updates

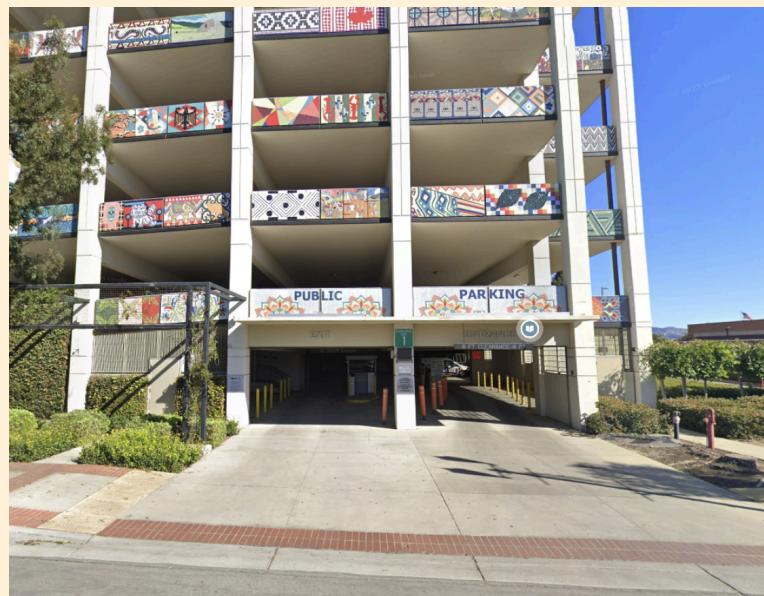
## Quarterly Partner Agency Meeting

The second quarterly Partner Agency Meeting of the fiscal year will be on Friday, January 23. We look forward to connecting and dialoguing with our dedicated partners. Like our previous meeting, there will not be a virtual participation option, so we encourage partners to send 2 to 3 key personnel to attend in person.

**Location:** Civic Plaza Community Room (Top / Sixth Floor), 260 Rodriguez Street, Watsonville, 95076

**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2026

**Time:** 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.



## Inventory Audit Dates

We appreciate everyone in the network being flexible during our mid-fiscal year Inventory Audit, as our Operations staff endeavors to maintain good stewardship over our stock. During the two days listed below, our offices will be open; however, there will be no delivery or pickup orders. Please also bear in mind the ordering deadlines highlighted in the image below, as well as the increased ordering window of 7 weekdays, which will allow partners two business days for ordering.

- Thursday, January 29
- Friday, January 30

Inventory Audit Calendar - January 2026						
SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Final Day to Order for Monday the 2nd	Final Day to Order for Tuesday the 3rd	Food Bank Open: No Deliveries or Pickups	Food Bank Open: No Deliveries or Pickups	
1	February 2	3	4	5	6	7
	Food Bank Open: Regular Deliveries and Pickups Begin					

## Community Spotlight

### HA Hyde Family Resource Center

The Food Bank is proud to continue our partnership with PVUSD by opening a pantry at the HA Hyde Family Resource Center in Watsonville. This new partnership will give PVUSD and HA Hyde Elementary School families another avenue for support and community building. The center also provides other resources such as computer access and laundry facilities. We look forward to opening more school pantries in the months to come at other PVUSD locations.



## Network Action Spotlight

### Feeding America Standards Review

Our national partner, Feeding America, will be visiting the Food Bank this coming spring for a Standards Review. During this process, compliance records and documents from our Partner Agencies will be audited. We ask that, leading up to this review, our partner agencies be mindful to support us in updating all critical paperwork that our Agency Network Team reaches out for by phone and email, so that we can avoid any corrective actions or changes to partnership statuses. We are very thankful for all the communicativeness, flexibility, and mindfulness from our whole network of partners. We could not do this good work without you!

# Save the Dates

Please add the following events to your calendar!

We ask that agencies notify us of any changes or cancellations to their distributions.

## **Quarterly Partner Agency Meeting**

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- 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
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## **Inventory Audit - No Delivery or Pickup Orders & Offices Open**

- Thursday, January 29
- Friday, January 30

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