



# **SLO** **FOOD BANK**

**County Partnership for Hunger Relief**

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## **SLO Food Bank Is Doing Its Part In Creating a Sustainable Future**

**San Luis Obispo, CA** – SLO Food Bank is proud to announce we have achieved another milestone in our goal to become GreenBiz certified by utilizing net-zero carbon emission material handling equipment. This step helped the SLO Food Bank to offset carbon emissions by 18 metric tons. That is equivalent to eliminating emissions from driving 25,731 miles – or three round trip drives from the west coast to the east coast along Route 50.

Aligning with the state of California's green initiatives, the SLO Food Bank is actively participating in California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) program and was named a Green Fleet Pioneer thanks to reducing 18 metric tons of carbon this year. The SLO Food Bank has achieved this milestone by acquiring and using battery-powered electric pallet jacks and forklifts in our day-to-day operations. We began participating in the LCFS program in March of this year and are proud to do our part to help keep California clean and our air healthy.

Welcoming today's announcement, Emily Hansen, Operations Director of the SLO Food Bank said, "Participation in California's LCFS program is important to our company's green initiatives. We are delighted to work with e-Mission Control's group in generating our fleet's LCFS credits and doing our part to help the State of California achieve its 100% carbon free transportation and economy-wide carbon neutrality goals."

Launched in 2009, The California Air Resources Board (CARB) implements and enforces the LCFS program. It was designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the transportation sector, which is responsible for about 50 percent of GHG emissions and 80 percent of ozone-forming gas emissions. This program also transforms and diversifies the fuel pool in California to reduce petroleum dependency and achieves air quality benefits.

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**About SLO Food Bank:** The SLO Food Bank is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, serving all of San Luis Obispo County through its direct food programs and network of agency partners. The SLO Food Bank's mission is to alleviate hunger in San Luis Obispo County and build a healthier community. The SLO Food Bank distributes an average of 4 million pounds of food per year to help our neighbors struggling with hunger. Nearly half of the distributed food is fresh produce, including produce harvested locally by the GleanSLO program. Prior to the pandemic, one in six SLO County residents was food insecure. Since the pandemic, hunger in SLO County has more than doubled, and the SLO Food Bank remains in front of this accelerating and tragic reality. To learn more about the work done by the SLO Food Bank throughout San Luis Obispo County, please visit [www.slofoodbank.org](http://www.slofoodbank.org).

**About e-Mission Control:** e-Mission Control designs, manages, and executes electricity consumption data products for forward-thinking on- and off-road vehicle fleet operators. At e-Mission Control, we understand that the management and reliability of data shaping transportation incentive programs around the world are extremely important in smoothing the transition to a green economy. Industries most impacted by transportation and mobility-related greenhouse gas emissions are often the ones that need the most support navigating complex regulatory provisions and reporting necessary to participate. This concept underpins our commitment to democratizing access and engagement in these state-administered programs, so that the resulting financial and environmental benefits reach stakeholders who might otherwise be overlooked.