

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING
Fourth Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2018

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, June 13, 2018
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, March 21, 2017
3. Outreach Events Status Report, June 2018
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, March 20, 2018 through June 12, 2018
6. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of June 5, 2018-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of June 6, 2018; partial list of PWSs Limiting Water Use
7. 2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF JUNE 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (Texas AgriLife), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 PM CST. POE Subcommittee members were introduced. The minutes were provided by email and reviewed at this meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

The current Outreach Events Status Report (available on the POE Subcommittee webpage, <http://tgpc.state.tx.us/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/>, under the “Additional Resources” heading) was reviewed:

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension) Water Well Screening Events
 - There were no screening events, but there was on-going sampling in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and five events are scheduled in July.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - One since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting.

TWON Training Activities

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the TWON schedule of completed, confirmed, obligated, and suggested water well one-day training events and workshops. There have been over 8159 samples or attendees at TWON events since April 2011.

TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC website for March 19, 2018 through June 12, 2018.

Presentation on Hurricane Harvey Sampling Activity

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) gave a presentation on the sampling efforts and results of the analysis of those samples.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ’s Building F.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

None of the four topics in the current *Texas Groundwater Protection Committee Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan* (“Plan”, http://tgpc.state.tx.us/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf) were discussed.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

No Discussion

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT GROUNDWATER ISSUES

There was a discussion and agreement on several new FAQs. TWDB is going to draft one on brackish water, DSHS is looking into drafting one on fluoride in drinking water, and RRC offered to write one on well owner responsibilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas” handout (found at the “Additional Resources” <http://tgpc.state.tx.us/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/> under the “Additional Resources” heading) were distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.