

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING
Third 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, March 21, 2018
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, December 13, 2017
3. Outreach Events Status Report, December 2017
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, December 12, 2017 to March 19, 2018
6. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of March 13 2018-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of March 15, 2018; partial list of PWSs Limiting Water Use
7. 2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF MARCH 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 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 three screening events. These numbers do not reflect on-going sampling in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - National Groundwater Awareness Week was March 11-17 and a poster was displayed at the Capitol and at the Austin Splash into the Aquifer Event held the same week.

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 8097 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 December 11, 2017 through March 19, 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, June 13, 2018 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ’s Building F.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTTION

The 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 not discussed.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

No Discussion

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT GROUNDWATER ISSUES

The effects of Hurricane Harvey on private drinking water wells that were flooded by the hurricane and the process for testing and cleaning the wells was discussed.

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 2:00 PM.