

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING
First Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2019

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, September 5, 2018
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, June 13, 2018
3. Outreach Events Status Report, September 2018
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, June 13, 2018 to August 31, 2018
6. *TGPC Public Outreach and Education Annual Report, 2018*
7. Draft FAQ *Private Water Well Owners: How to Prepare Your Well for the Next Flood*
8. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of August 28, 2018-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of August 30, 2018; partial list of PWSs Limiting Water Use
9. 2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 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, <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/> under the “Additional Resources” heading) was reviewed:

- AgriLife Extension Water Well Screening Events
 - Three since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
 - One is planned through October 2018.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference
 - TAGC Texas Groundwater Summit

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 8465 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 June 13, 2018 through September 3, 2018 and for all of FY18.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ's Building F, Room 2210.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTTION

Reviewed TGPC Public Outreach and Education Annual Report, 2018.

Two of the four topics in the current *Texas Groundwater Protection Committee Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan* (“Plan,” see: https://tgpc.texas.gov/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf) were briefly discussed:

- David Gunn (TDLR) reported that he was going to attend the Texas House of Representatives’ Natural Resource Subcommittee hearing in Del Rio next week on abandoned wells.
- Guy Fipps (Texas AgriLife) discussed the report titled *The Feasibility of a Statewide Evapotranspiration Network*. The report also covers mesonets and stream gauge stations.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) led a review and discussion of the FAQ titled *Private Water Well Owners: How to Prepare Your Well for the Next Flood*

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT GROUNDWATER ISSUES

An FAQ on brackish water was discussed and tabled for now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas” handout were distributed. These can be found under the “Additional Resources” heading / link on the POE subcommittee web page (see: <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/>).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.