

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING
Frist Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2020

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Meeting No. 64

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Room 2210

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, September 4, 2019
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, June 12, 2019
3. Outreach Events Status Report, September 2019
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, June 4, 2019 to August 29, 2019
6. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of August 29, 2019-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of August 29, 2019; list of PWSs Limiting Water Use and that may have less than 180 days of water supply
7. 2019-2020 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. 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:

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension) Water Well Screening Events
 - There were no screening events in the past quarter.
 - There are five upcoming events.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - There were four events the previous POE Subcommittee meeting with 180 views.
 - Two events are scheduled through the end of through December 2019.

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 9616 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 4, 2019 through August 29, 2019.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ’s Building F, Room 2210.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

None 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 discussed.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) led a discussion the update of the AgriLife Extension Fact Sheet: *Drinking Water Problems: Arsenic*. The map in the original document was too small and too busy to be useful and it was suggested that the non-detects be shown as a shaded area rather than points. It was also noted that the Cross Timbers Aquifer was recently designated as a minor aquifer. In the UTBEG report samples that were taken outside of a major or minor aquifer were not considered, so any samples that were take over the Cross Timbers Aquifer are not in the report. Diane also noted that she streamlined the section on treatment methods using only those that are more often used.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2019 Water-related Conferences in Texas” handouts 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 approximately 2:22PM.