

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

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**MEETING HANDOUTS**

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, March 4, 2020
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, December 4, 2019
3. Outreach Events Status Report, March 2020
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, November 29, 2019 - February 26, 2020
6. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of February 25, 2020-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of February 26, 2020; list of PWSs Limiting Water Use and that may have less than 180 days of water supply
7. 2020 Water-related Conferences in Texas

## MEETING RECORD OF March 4, 2020

### CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at 9:04 PM. POE Subcommittee members were introduced. The minutes were 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.
  - Four events are scheduled for July 2020
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
  - Texas Plant Protection Association Conference December 4-5, 2020. Approximately 20 attendees viewed the display booth
  - Two events are scheduled through the end of through May 2020.

#### 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 10,038 samples or attendees at TWON events since April 2011, with 27 during the previous quarter.

#### TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC website for September 3, 2019 to December 3, 2019. There was a discussion on social media presence or the lack of it, and how to create a bigger presence.

### ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM CDST, in TCEQ’s Building F, Room 2210.

### REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

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](https://tgpc.texas.gov/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf) ) were discussed.

Claire Satterwhite (TDLR) provided an update on the Memo of Understanding between TDLR and groundwater conservation districts (GCD) about abandoned wells and any program each GCD may have.

David Villarreal (TDA) provided an update on the Texas Water Conservation Advisory Boards progress on making a recommendation on this topic.

## **POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES**

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) discussed printing the Arsenic Fact Sheet when completed. The hard copies are distributed during TWON events.

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) led a discussion the update of the AgriLife Extension Fact Sheet: *Drinking Water Problems: Arsenic*. The suggested changes to the map were sent to UTBEG and the updated maps should be available at the next meeting.

Leslie Bruce presented the final draft of the FAQ entitled “As a Property Owner, What Should I Know about My Water Well?” A motion to send the FAQ to the main committee for approval was made and seconded with all members voting for approval.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The current drought maps and “2020 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/> ).

Drafts of the new National Groundwater Awareness Week poster were reviewed for suggestions and edits.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:05 AM.