

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF MEETING

Second Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2022

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**MEETING HANDOUTS**

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, December 15, 2021
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, September 15, 2021
3. Outreach Events Status Report
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity
6. Draft FAQ update on Texas ET networks
7. Draft FAQ on Water Well and Real Estate
8. Drought Map for previous quarter
9. Upcoming water conferences

## **MEETING RECORD OF DECEMBER 15, 2021**

The TGPC approves all Subcommittee products, and designated TGPC members attending this Subcommittee meeting participated as an employee of their agency or organization -- not as a designated TGPC member. Therefore, this Subcommittee meeting was not subject to the Open Meetings Act and was held 100% virtually. The public was able to attend this meeting via teleconference or videoconference at no cost.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The minutes were provided to the members by email for review prior to the meeting.

### **STATUS REPORTS**

#### Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

The current Outreach Events Status Report was reviewed, and is available on the POE Subcommittee webpage, <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/> under the "Additional Resources" heading:

- AgriLife Extension Service Water Well Screening:

John Smith (AgriLife Extension) reported that one event was held in September and three in October. Upcoming events will be held in Anderson County.

- TGPC Exhibit Booth:

A booth was set up at the Texas Plant Protection Association Annual Conference, held December 2021 in Bryan, Texas. There were approximately 22 attendees visiting the booth.

#### TWON Training Activities

John Smith (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the TWON training schedule. There were four one-hour events held in in the last quarter with 93 attendees. One day events were held in Weatherford, Caldwell, Lampasas, and Seguin, with a combined total of 126 attendees.

#### TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEO) reviewed the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC web page, which showed that in the previous quarter there was a 12% increase in the number of users and a 2.8% increase in the average number of pages viewed per session. Organic searches shows that 716 users arrived at the site by typing in the address, and that most visitors used Google search to find the TGPC website.

### **ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at TBD.

### **REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION**

TGPC Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan Topic Updates (see: [https://tgpc.texas.gov/POE/TGPC\\_POE\\_GW\\_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf](https://tgpc.texas.gov/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf)):

**Abandoned Wells**

Adam Foster (TDLR) reported no new information.

### **Texas Evapotranspiration Networks**

Guy Fipps (Texas AgriLife) had no new information to report.

### **Septic Tanks**

No report.

### Publications

#### **AgriLife Extension Reprints**

There are no reprints needed at this time. AgriLife stated it may have popular publications translated to Spanish in upcoming months.

#### **FAQs and Fact Sheets:**

- Final Draft of FAQ entitled *Real Estate Transactions and Water Wells?*  
After discussion and minor changes, the document was approved for presentation at the January TGPC meeting.
- Final draft of FAQ entitled *What Are the Texas Evapotranspiration (ET) Networks?*  
After discussion, the document was approved for presentation at the January TGPC meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jessica Price (DSHS) requested references for a water well fact sheet that DSHS was preparing for day care centers as part of their Texas Choose Safe Places Program.

Scott Underwood (TCEQ) announced the release of version 5.0 of the Water Well Viewer, which now includes the legacy Texas Highway Maps with plotted water wells.

Rebecca Storms announced that TWDB is searching for water wells for their Recorder Well network in counties that do not have any wells in the network at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.