

**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

RECORD OF MEETING

Fourth 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, June 8, 2022
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, March 9, 2022
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 JUNE 8, 2022

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 1:03 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:

Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reported that one event was held in Llano County where 43 samples were analyzed. He also reported that AgriLife staff were in Brooks, Jim Hogg, Kleberg, Jim Wells counties; and that later this week they would be in Duval, Nueces, Bee, and Live Oak. To date AgriLife has collected 200 water samples from attendees. Future events are planned for October.

- TGPC Exhibit Booth:

The TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference was held May 10-11 in Austin, Texas. The TGPC booth had approximately 214 visitors. The next booth will be at the TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference in August.

TWON Training Activities

Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the TWON training schedule. During the previous quarter, one hour-long event was held in Llano with 46 attendees. Three one-day events were held in Cleburne, Midland and Odessa with 43 attendees. During the past year there have been 979 attendees at TWON events.

TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC web page, which showed that in the previous quarter there was an 19% increase in the number of users and a 4% increase in the average number of pages viewed per session. Organic searches show 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, September 7, 2022, by Teams Videoconference at 1:00 PM.

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

TGPC Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan Topic Updates (see: https://tgpc.texas.gov/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf):

Abandoned Wells

David Gunn (TDLR) reported problems associated with oil and gas wells that have been converted to water wells and suggested the Subcommittee create an FAQ on the rights and responsibilities of owning a water well that was converted from an oil and gas well.

Texas Evapotranspiration Networks

No 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:

There was a review of the TGPC website FAQ page for previously written FAQs that need to be updated. Each agency reviewed the FAQs written by staff. Rebecca Storms (TWDB) reported that most of the FAQs she reviewed need minor updates and a few need major updates. She will send a list of FAQs that need updates to Peggy Hunka (TCEQ).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julia Stanford (TAGD) announced that the 2022 Texas Groundwater Summit has released the draft agenda and encouraged everyone to attend the conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.