

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

RECORD OF MEETING

Third Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2023

Meeting Date: March 8, 2023
Place: Virtual Videoconference
Meeting No. 77

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, March 8, 2023
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, December 7, 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 MARCH 8, 2023

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 1:33 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 under the "[Additional Resources](#)"¹ heading:

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension) Water Well Screening Events
 - John Smith (AgriLife Extension) reported there were no events. He also reported that seven events are planned for March, April and May.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth:
 - There was one event booth during the last quarter. The Texas Groundwater Association's Annual convention was held in San Marcos, Texas on January 26 and 27, 2023, with about 30 attendees stopping by the booth.

TWON Training Activities

Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the TWON training schedule. During the previous quarter, TWON staff held two one-day events and one one-hour event. Staff collected 193 samples. There have been over 2,028 samples or attendees at TWON events since May 2021.

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 a 4% decrease in the number of users and a 5% decrease in the average number of pages viewed per session. Organic searches showed that 3,827 users arrived using a web search, with Google being used most often.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, by Teams Videoconference at 1:30 PM.

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

Abandoned Wells

- David Gunn (TDLR) reported that TDLR will send approximately 50 letters to owners of abandoned wells.

¹ <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/>

Texas Evapotranspiration Networks

No report

Septic Tanks

No report

Publications

AgriLife Extension Reprints

There are no reprints needed at this time.

FAQs and Fact Sheets:

After a brief review of the draft FAQ titled *How Is Pesticide Contamination of Water Wells Prevented?* it was decided that some clarification is needed regarding the version that will be used, so the FAQ was tabled until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy McCormack (TCEQ) announced (1) a new webpage on the TGPC website for white papers and (2) this is National Groundwater Awareness week. All the TGPC members have been sent the updated poster for display at their agencies.

Robert Bradley (TWDB) announced that the Texas MESONET program has two bills pending, one of which would create an advisory board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.