

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
 OF THE
 TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
 RECORD OF MEETING
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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, December 14, 2016
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, September 14, 2016
3. Outreach Events Status Report, December 2016
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) events list, December 13, 2016
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, September 14, 2016 – December 11, 2016
6. *TGPC Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan, 2nd Edition* and pages 5-10 of the *TGPC Report to the 85th Legislature*
7. *Groundwater Monitoring Wells FAQ*
8. Draft FAQ on *Licensed Water Treatment Specialist*
9. Drought 2016 – U.S. Drought Monitor, Texas as of December 6, 2016; U.S. Drought Conditions December 2016; Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of December 7, 2016; excerpt from the TCEQ List of PWSs Limiting Water Use as of December 8, 2016.
10. 2016 Water-related Conferences in Texas, 2016 - 2017.

MEETING RECORD OF DECEMBER 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 PM CST. POE Subcommittee members were introduced. The minutes were read by the members and approved.

2. STATUS REPORTS

Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events – AgriLife Extension Water Well Screening Events, Abandoned Water Well Closures, and TGPC Exhibit Booth

The current Outreach Events Status Report (available on the POE Subcommittee webpage, <http://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
 - One since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
- Four are planned through March 2017.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - Texas Plant Protection Association (TPPA) Annual Conference held in Bryan, TX December 6 - 7, 2016, had an estimated 62 view.

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 6580 samples or attendees at TWON events since April 2011.

TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC website for September 14, 2016 through December 11, 2016 was reviewed. The average website visit duration was 1:47 minutes down slightly from last quarter, and the average pages/visit was down 10 1:87 pages/visit from 1.98 in September.

3. SET FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ’s Building F.

4. REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

TGPC Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan, 2nd Edition

Ashly Wendt (TSSWCB) summarized an update on Water Supply Enhancement, which is one of the four topics in the current *Texas Groundwater Protection Committee Groundwater*

Educational Outreach Plan (“Plan”, http://tgpc.state.tx.us/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf). No other updates were given. The committee discussed the possibility of revising the Educational Outreach Plan and it was decided that the topics and champions would remain the same. It was also suggested that the first page of accomplishments be updated.

5. POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Final draft *Groundwater Monitoring Wells*.

The FAQ on Groundwater Monitoring Wells was voted on and approved with minor edits. The final draft of the FAQ may be presented to the TGPC at the April, 2017 meeting.

Draft of *Water Treatment Specialists* FAQ review.

A draft FAQ on Water Treatment Specialists was reviewed and will be revisited next meeting where there will be a presentation on the subject.

Discussion of FAQ on flooding.

The possible FAQ on flooding was revisited and decided that no action was needed at this time.

6. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT GROUNDWATER ISSUES

It was suggested that another survey of groundwater conservation district be sent out asking what kind of questions they have been getting from the public.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The list of 2016 – 2017 Water-related Conferences in Texas was available for POE Subcommittee members.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURN