

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, September 14, 2016
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, June 22, 2016
3. Outreach Events Status Report, September 2016
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) events list, September 13, 2016
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, June 21- September 13, 2016
6. Draft *Groundwater Monitoring Wells FAQ* and TSSWCB suggested edits.
7. *What Do I Need to Know About Capping a Water Well for Future Use?*
8. *Take Care of Texas News You Can Use.*
9. Printout of Texasflood.org website.
10. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension publication: *Decontaminating Flooded Wells.*
11. Drought 2016 – U.S. Drought Monitor, Texas as of September 8, 2016; U.S. Drought Conditions September 2016; Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of September 7, 2016; excerpt from the TCEQ List of Texas PWSs Limiting Water Use to Avoid Shortages as of September 7, 2016.
12. 2016 Water-related Conferences in Texas, 2016 - 2017.

MEETING RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 AM 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
 - Eight since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
 - None planned through September 2016
- AgriLife Extension Abandoned Water Well Closure Education
 - None since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
 - None scheduled at this time
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Public Drinking Water Conference held in Austin, TX August 9-10, 2016, had an estimated 93 view and the Texas Alliance of groundwater Districts Texas Groundwater Summit held in San Marcos august 23-25. 20016, had an estimated 36 views.
 - One is planned through December 2016.

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 6534 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 June 21, 2016 through September 13, 2016 was reviewed. The average website visit duration was 2:03 minutes up slightly from last quarter, and the average pages/visit was up to 2.03 pages/visit from 1.93 June. Website activity spiked in mid-July and again at the end of August. As usual, GovDelivery emails regarding the quarterly TGPC meeting also generated a spike in website activity.

3. SET FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ's Building B.

4. REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

TGPC Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan, 2nd Edition

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) was briefly discussed, but no updates were given.

5. POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

The FAQ on scientific monitoring wells drafted by Chris Muller (TWDB) was reviewed and a new process for editing was discussed. All comments will be sent to Chris Muller for consideration, he will make the updates and send the document to Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) and Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) co-chairs for a final review. The document will then be brought to the committee for approval at the next POE Subcommittee meeting. The information gathered about flooding events and well head protection was reviewed and the suggestion was made that the TGPC website list the links to information found at other websites.

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