

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
RECORD OF MEETING  
Third Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2017

Meeting Date: March 8, 2017  
Meeting No.: 53

Place: TCEQ Campus, Bldg. F  
Room: 2210

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**MEETING HANDOUTS**

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, March 8, 2017
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, December 14, 2016
3. Outreach Events Status Report, March 2017
4. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, 2013 – 2016 and December 12, 2016 to March 6, 2017
5. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee Public Outreach and Education Subcommittee, Subcommittee Charge
6. *Finding a Licensed Water Treatment Specialist FAQ*
7. Drought 2017 – U.S. Drought Monitor, Texas as of March 2, 2017; U.S. Drought Conditions December 2017; Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of December 2, 2017; excerpt from the TCEQ List of PWSs Limiting Water Use as of December 8, 2016.
8. 2016 Water-related Conferences in Texas, 2016 - 2017.

## MEETING RECORD OF DECEMBER 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 1:10 PM CST. POE Subcommittee members were introduced. The minutes were provided by email and approved at this meeting.

### 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
  - None since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
  - Nine are planned through April 2017.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
  - None since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
  - 3 are planned through August 2017.

#### 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.

#### TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC website for December 12, 2016 through March 6, 2017, was reviewed. The average website visit duration was 1:88 minutes, up slightly from last quarter, and the average pages/visit was down 1:39 pages/visit from 1.89 in December. Also reviewed were yearly comparisons from 2013-2016. Different formats were reviewed as well.

### 3. SET FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ's Building F.

### 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](http://tGPC.state.tx.us/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf)) was briefly discussed.

Guy Fipps (A&M AgriLife Extension) reviewed the statewide Mesonet that is to be implemented by the Texas Water Development Board and whether or not a “network of networks” or State owned network is the best approach.

#### 5. POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the list of Texas AgriLife publications and suggested that the contract money could be used in conjunction with another grant they have to print the TWON workbook that they distribute at meeting. The motion to reprint the TWON workbook using the funds in the Texas AgriLife Contract was made by David Villarreal motioned and Linda Ruiz seconded. The motion carried.

Scott Shaffer with the Water Treatment Specialist Association spoke on what the 3 classes of Water Treatment Specialist are and answered question. The FAQ will go out to members of the committee for edits and a final draft will be presented at the next meeting.

#### 6. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT GROUNDWATER ISSUES

There was no discussion of this topic at the meeting.

#### 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2017Water-related Conferences in Texas” handout (found at <http://tgpc.state.tx.us/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/> under the “Additional Resources” heading) were distributed to POE Subcommittee members.

#### 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### 9. ADJOURN at 3:50