

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING
Second Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2018

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Meeting No. 56

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, December 13, 2017
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, September 13, 2017
3. Outreach Events Status Report, December 2017
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, September 11, 2017 - December 11, 2017
6. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of December 5, 2017; Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of December 6, 2017; partial list of PWSs Limiting Water Use
7. 2017-2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF DECEMBER 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 PM CST. POE Subcommittee members were introduced. The minutes were provided by email prior to the meeting and were reviewed at this meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

The current Outreach Events Status Report (available on the POE Subcommittee webpage, <http://tgpc.state.tx.us/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/>, under the “Additional Resources” heading) was reviewed:

- AgriLife Extension Water Well Screening Events
 - Due to Hurricane Harvey on-going sampling (60 events to date) only one regularly scheduled water screening event was held in Fisher County
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - Two since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting

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 7,928 samples or attendees at TWON events since April 2011. There was a discussion of the Hurricane Harvey sampling efforts.

TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC website for September 11, 2017 - December 11, 2017.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ's Building F, Room 2210.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTTION

Discussion regarding the 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 tabled until the next quarterly meeting when topic champions may be present. TWON was addressed previously in the meeting.

Popular Press Articles

Diane Boellstorff (Texas AgriLife Extension) informed the committee that the previous request for reprints was not needed and that a new request for funds would come at a later date.

Discussion of Current Groundwater Issues

The effects of Hurricane Harvey on private drinking water wells that were flooded by the hurricane and the process for testing and cleaning the wells were discussed. The

subcommittee discussed possible FAQs that could be developed, such as “What to do Before the Next Storm” and “How to Report Groundwater Contamination.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2017-2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas” handout (found at the “Additional Resources” <http://tgpc.state.tx.us/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/> under the “Additional Resources” heading) were distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.