

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

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, June 7, 2017
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, March 6, 2016
3. Outreach Events Status Report, June 2017
4. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, March 8, 2016 to June 5, 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 May 30, 2017; U.S. Drought Monitor Texas, May 30, 2017; Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of May 31, 2017; excerpt from the TCEQ List of PWSs Limiting Water Use as of June 1, 2017.
8. 2016 Water-related Conferences in Texas, 2016 - 2017.

MEETING RECORD OF JUNE 7, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 PM CST. Drew Gholson sat in for Diane Boellstorff as the POE Subcommittee Co-Chair. POE Subcommittee members were introduced. Michael Hare came in at approximately 1:07 and David Villarreal left the meeting. 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.state.tx.us/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
 - Seven since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
- Two are planned through April 2017.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - Two since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting.

TWON Training Activities

Drew Gholson (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the TWON schedule of completed, confirmed, obligated, and suggested water well one-day training events and workshops. There have been over 7299 samples or attendees at TWON events since April 2011.

TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC website for March 8, 2017 through June 5, 2017.

3. ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 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) was briefly discussed. No updates were given.

5. POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

The FAQ on Licensed Water Treatment Specialists has been tabled for now.

A presentation on Geronimo and Alligator Creeks WPP update was given by Ward Ling, with the Texas AgriLife Extension. The need for an FAQ on abandoned septic tanks was discussed and it was decided that another FAQ was not necessary.

6. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT GROUNDWATER ISSUES

There was no discussion of this topic at the meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2017 Water-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 1:52