

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING
Second Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2020

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Room 2210

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, December 4, 2020
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, December 4, 2019
3. Outreach Events Status Report, December 2019
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, September 3, 2019 to December 3, 2019
6. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of November 26, 2019-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of November 27 2019; list of PWSs Limiting Water Use and that may have less than 180 days of water supply
7. 2019-2020 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF DECEMBER 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM. POE Subcommittee members were introduced. The minutes were provided by email and reviewed at this meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

The current Outreach Events Status Report (available on the POE Subcommittee webpage, <https://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
 - There were no screening events in the past quarter.
 - One full day event is scheduled later this month.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - There were no events in the past quarter.
 - Two events are scheduled through the end of through May 2020.

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 10,011 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 September 3, 2019 to December 3, 2019.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM CDST, in TCEQ’s Building F, Room 2210.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

Two of the four topics in the current *Texas Groundwater Protection Committee Groundwater Educational Outreach Plan (“Plan,”* see: https://tgpc.texas.gov/POE/TGPC_POE_GW_EduOutreachPlan10Sep2013.pdf) were discussed.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) led a discussion the update of the AgriLife Extension Fact Sheet: *Drinking Water Problems: Arsenic*. The suggested changes to the map were sent to BEG and they updated maps should be available at the next meeting.

Leslie Bruce led a discussion on the FAQ “Water Well Owner Responsibilities” with a few minor edits to be made, the report should be ready for approval at the next subcommittee meeting.

Suggestion was made to link to the FAQ on how to prepare your well for the next major flood event.

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) led a discussion on the update of the links to the Landowners Guide to Plugging Abandoned Water Wells. The committee decided that it would be a good idea to review the document for other updates that may be needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2019 Water-related Conferences in Texas” handouts were distributed. These can be found under the “Additional Resources” heading / link on the POE subcommittee web page (see: <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/>).

Drafts of the new National Groundwater Awareness Week poster were reviewed for suggestions and edits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:13 PM.