

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, September 5, 2018
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, June 13, 2018
3. Outreach Events Status Report, September 2018
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, June 13, 2018 to August 31, 2018
6. *TGPC Public Outreach and Education Annual Report, 2018*
7. Draft FAQ *Private Water Well Owners: How to Prepare Your Well for the Next Flood*
8. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of August 28, 2018-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of August 30, 2018; partial list of PWSs Limiting Water Use
9. 2018 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF JANUARY 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 AM CST. 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:

- AgriLife Extension Water Well Screening Events
 - Six events since the previous POE Subcommittee meeting
 - Three events are planned through April 2019.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - None 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 8909 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 5, 2019 to January 14, 2019.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 1:00 PM CDST, in TCEQ's Building F, Room 2210.

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND APPROVE DOCUMENTTION

None 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 briefly discussed.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) led a discussion on updating the AgriLife Extension Fact Sheet: Drinking Water Problems: Arsenic with a brief discussion on the UTBEG report on arsenic. There were some questions on the source data that was used and if they had used all the available data. It was decided that AgriLife Extension will take the lead on rewriting the Fact Sheet. It was also decided that an FAQ would be written after the Fact Sheet was updated.

The Subcommittee decided to table the Fact Sheet and FAQ on hurricane preparedness should be postponed until after the arsenic update.

An FAQ on brackish water was also tabled for now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current drought maps and “2018 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/>).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.