

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MEETING
Fourth Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2019

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda, June 12, 2019
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Record, March 6, 2019
3. Outreach Events Status Report, June 2019
4. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities
5. Google Analytics reports on TGPC website activity, March 4, 2019 to June 5, 2019
6. U.S. and Texas Drought Maps, as of June 4, 2019-Public Water Supply Systems (PWSs) Affected as of June 5, 2019; partial list of PWSs Limiting Water Use
7. 2019 Water-related Conferences in Texas

MEETING RECORD OF JUNE 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee called the meeting to order. 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 two screening events in the past quarter.
 - There are no upcoming events.
- TGPC Exhibit Booth
 - There were four events the previous POE Subcommittee meeting.
 - Three events are scheduled through the end of August.

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 9524 samples or attendees at TWON events since April 2011. It was reported that some of the training events might be tabled while waiting for a new coordinator. The outcome on discussion of plugging abandoned wells is that after one year 55% of those who say they have an abandoned well have plugged that well.

TGPC Website Activity Statistics

Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the Google Analytics activity report on the TGPC website for March 4, 2019 through June 5, 2019.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 1:00 PM 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.

TWON Training Activities was discussed earlier and David Villarreal (TDA) reported that Guy Fipps (Texas AgriLife) spoke at a Texas Water Advisory Council meeting about the Texas Evapotranspiration Networks. Dr. Fipps’ report was well received by the Council.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Diane Boellstorff (AgriLife Extension) and Michael Hare will work on updating the AgriLife Extension Fact Sheet: *Drinking Water Problems: Arsenic*. The map included in the report

needs to be updated and revised to be more representative of the arsenic distribution in Texas.

Leslie Bruce (RRC) reported that the final version of the FAQ *What should I know About my Water Well and Why?* will be ready for final distribution and review soon.

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/>).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 PM.