

Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)

LEGISLATIVE REPORT SUBCOMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2012

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Campus
Building F, Room 3202A, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753
1:30 p.m.**

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Review Process and Timeline for Completion of Draft *Activities and Recommendations of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee: Report to the 83rd Legislature* (“*Legislative Report*”)**
- 3. Discussion and Editing of Draft *Legislative Report***
- 4. Discussion of the Completion of the Draft *Legislative Report* and Presentation to the TGPC**
- 5. Set Future Meeting Date**
- 6. Announcements**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Adjourn**

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Subcommittee Members

Affiliation

Kelly Mills (Chair)	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Peggy Hunka	TCEQ
Janie Hopkins	Texas Water Development Board
Peter Pope	Texas Railroad Commission
Richard Egg	Texas State Soil Water Conservation Board
Richard Eyster	Texas Department of Agriculture
David Van Dreser	Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts
Kevin Wagner	Texas Water Research Institute

Representatives from the Bureau of Economic Geology and the State Department of Health Services notified TCEQ that they would not attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

MEETING HANDOUTS

1. May 9, 2012 Legislative Report Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
2. *Activities and Recommendations of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee: Report to the 82nd Legislature*, TCEQ SFR-047/10

MEETING RECORD OF MAY 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Kelly Mills (TCEQ), Chair of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Legislative Report Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

Discussion and Editing of Draft Report

Kelly led a brainstorming/discussion session. It was decided that:

- The scope of the report should be streamlined.
- That most appendices could be removed. Keep the TGPC membership appendix one and possibly the select publication appendix.

Kevin Wagner (TWRI) suggested that the TGPC should focus on two or four big recommendations. Many areas overlap with the State Water Plan - such as conjunctive use, ASR, brackish water and water quality issues with energy production.

Kelly led discussion on the TGPC charges and whether or not they should be reviewed.

A discussion on the Joint Report being online with a database that can be accessed by all agencies was discussed. The ability to search for contaminated cases and possibly updating the enforcement matrix were also discussed.

It was decided that Kelly would look at the House and Senate natural Resources Committees' interim charges to see if the TGPC can make a recommendation to support one or more of them.

Suggested recommendation headings:

- emerging issues
- brackish water
- fracking
- desalinization

Action items

- 1) list out all the recommendations in the previous report
- 2) combine all recommendations for "continue to support and fund"
- 3) work with Cary Betz (TCEQ) for recommendation on the TGPC charges
- 4) look at the House and Senate Natural Resource Committee charges and identify the big key groundwater and conservation issues
- 5) send out interim charge information to subcommittee members for consideration
- 6) Janie Hopkins (TWDB) will talk to Jorge Auroro (TWDB) about the desalination.

REVIEW PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF DRAFT REPORT AND PRESENTATION TO THE TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Timeline:

- Send members an initial recommendation and report suggestion.
- May 30, 2012, deadline for comments from TGPC members.
- Have draft report ready by June 6, 2012.
- Next meeting is on June 13, 2012.
- If there are more assignments - need comments back by June 29, 2012.
- Draft report to members by July 11, 2012.
- Full TGPC meeting and discussion on July 18, 2012.

SET FUTURE MEETING DATE

June 13, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Kelly Mills adjourned the meeting.