

**Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)**  
**Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Annual Report**  
**October 19, 2022**

This Annual Report is provided as per the TGPC POE Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) *Charge*<sup>1</sup>.

**Fiscal Year 2022 Results**

- The Subcommittee met four times during the past fiscal year:
  - September 15, 2021
  - December 15, 2021
  - March 9, 2022
  - June 8, 2022
- At their meetings, the Subcommittee received reports from
  - Texas AgriLife Extension Service reported on the number of Water Well Screening Events that were held in each quarter. Approximately 596 samples or attendees at Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) events during FY2022.
  - Google Analytics statistics were reviewed. There were 9,634 sessions, 7,595 users and 17,591-page views in FY 2022.
  - The Subcommittee provided TGPC brochures, magnets, and maps to approximately 446 attendees to the following conferences:
    - § Texas Plant Protection Association Annual Conference held in Bryan, Texas December 4-5, 2021.
    - § Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Environmental Trade Fair held in Austin, Texas, May 10-11, 2022.
    - § Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Public Water Supply Conference held August 9-10, 2022, in Austin Texas.
    - § Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts *Groundwater Summit*, August 30 -September 1, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas.
  - The “National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 6-12, 2022” poster was distributed to each member agency for display. The Capitol is no longer allowing displays in the Rotunda.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://tgpc.state.tx.us/POE/POESubCommCharge19Jul2017.pdf>

- The Subcommittee developed or updated the following FAQs and Fact Sheets:
  - What Do I Need to Know About Preparing a Water Well for Flooding/Storm Events?
  - Cistern vs Large Diameter Water Well.
  - What You Should Know Before Buying Property with a Private Water Well.
  - What Are the Texas Evapotranspiration (ET) Networks?

### Fiscal Year 2023 Plans

- The Subcommittee will continue to provide outreach materials to conferences, hold TWON events and write FAQs and Fact Sheets as needed.
- The Subcommittee will develop its *TGPC POE Subcommittee Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Activity Plan*.
- The Subcommittee will review its *Charge* for FY2023