

**PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

RECORD OF MEETING

Second Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2026

Meeting Date: December 3, 2025

**Place: Virtual Videoconference
Meeting No. 88**

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Subcommittee Members Affiliation

Joel Pigg (Co-Chair)	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension)
Katie Brice (Co-Chair)	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Stephanie Keith	Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD)
David Villarreal	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
Robert Bradley	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
Dakota Massey	Texas State Soil Conservation and water Board (TSSCWB)

Other Agency Staff Affiliation / Program

James-Eric Simon	TCEQ / Water Availability Division (WAD)
Stephanie Escobar	TCEQ / WAD
Peggy Hunka	TCEQ / WAD
Cindy Hooper	TCEQ / WAD
Kathy McCormack	TCEQ / WAD
Scott Underwood	TCEQ / WAD
April Hoh	TCEQ / WAD
John Smith	AgriLife Extension
Linzy Foster	United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Reyna Loosmore	Sam Houston State University (SHSU) Institute for Homeland Security

MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2025
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Drought Monitor Report
7. State Agency Notification of Groundwater Contamination

MEETING RECORD OF DECEMBER 3, 2025

The TGPC approves all Subcommittee products, and designated TGPC members attending this Subcommittee meeting participated as an employee of their agency or organization -- not as a designated TGPC member. Therefore, this Subcommittee meeting was not subject to the Open Meetings Act and was held 100% virtually. The public was able to attend this meeting via teleconference or videoconference at no cost.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Katie Brice (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the September 10, 2025, meeting was provided to the members by email for review prior to the meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

TWON Training Activities

- Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the TWON training schedule. During the previous quarter, TWON staff held 10 one-hour events and one four-hour event. Staff collected 423 samples over the past quarter.

Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

The current Outreach Events Status Report was reviewed, and is available on the [POE Subcommittee webpage](#)¹ under the “Additional Resources” heading:

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension) Water Well Screening Events

Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reported there are three events scheduled for the next quarter so far.
- There were no TGPC Booth events this past quarter.
- The 37th Annual Texas Plant Protection Conference in Bryan will take place in December.
- Alan Cherepon and Katie Brice (TCEQ) will be attending the Greater Regional Austin Science Fair in February 2026.

Review Groundwater Conferences

- Katie Brice (TCEQ) reviewed the upcoming conferences.

¹ <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-public-outreach-and-education-subcommittee/>

Review and Discuss Changes to the POE Educational Outreach Plan

- Katie Brice (TCEQ) stated the POE Educational Outreach Plan was still being edited and will be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026, by Teams Videoconference. The time will be determined in early 2026 after the TGPC Quarterly Meeting.

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

Discussion of Education Outreach Opportunities

Discussion on displaying TGPC handouts at upcoming conferences and if other agencies would be willing to take some TGPC handouts to conferences they attend.

Publications

Joel Pigg stated that AgriLife Extension has not reprinted any publications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cindy Hooper (TCEQ) presented an update to the State Agency Notification of Groundwater Contamination and also reminded attendees that she (Cindy Hooper) remains the State Agency Contact.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Villareal (TDA) stated he would prefer the Subcommittee meetings occur on different days.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.