

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

**RECORD OF MEETING**

**First Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2026**

**Meeting Date: September 10, 2025**

**Place: Virtual Videoconference**

**Meeting No. 87**

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Joel Pigg (Co-Chair)	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension)
Katie Brice (Co-Chair)	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
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Robert Bradley	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
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Stephanie Keith	TAGD
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**MEETING HANDOUTS**

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2025
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Drought Monitor Report
7. FY 2025 POE Annual Report

## MEETING RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension), Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the June 18, 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 14 one-hour events and three four-hour events. Staff collected 874 samples over the past quarter. There have been 1,506 samples at TWON events this past fiscal year.

#### Recent and Upcoming Outreach Events

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

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension) Water Well Screening Events  
  
Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reported there are 11 events scheduled for the next quarter.
- There were two TGPC booth events this past quarter including the TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference in Austin and the TAGD 2025 Groundwater Summit in San Antonio.
- The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Plant Protection Conference in Bryan will take place in December.

#### Review Groundwater Conferences

- Katie Brice (TCEQ) reviewed the upcoming conferences.

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

### Review Drought Monitor

- Katie Brice (TCEQ) reviewed the drought monitor report, which showed an area of exceptional drought in Medina County (central Texas) as well as the southern tip of Brewster County in far west Texas. The drought conditions have improved dramatically over the past few months due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Floods in central Texas.

### **ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025, by Teams Videoconference at 1:30 PM.

### **REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION**

#### Review, discuss, and approve changes to the FY 2025 POE Annual Report

A draft of the POE Annual Report for FY 2025 was reviewed with minor changes and approved for submittal to the main TGPC Committee meeting in October 2025.

#### 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 will be reprinting documents regarding flooding and droughts.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stephanie Keith with TAGD stated that the TAGD Groundwater Summit in San Antonio had approximately 520 people in attendance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.