

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF MEETING

Fourth Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2025

Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

Place: Virtual Videoconference

Meeting No. 86

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Peggy G Hunka (Co-Chair)	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
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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, March 12, 2025
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Drought Monitor Report
7. 20250613 Draft\_POESubCommCharge\_with\_edits\_and\_comments.docx
8. 20250613 Draft\_POESubCommCharge\_with\_edits.docx

## MEETING RECORD OF JUNE 18, 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 1:33 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the March 12, 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 one one-day event and one one-hour event. Staff collected 527 samples. There have been 1,024 samples or attendees at TWON events this 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 six events scheduled for the next quarter.

- There was a booth at the TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference held in San Antonio on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Review Groundwater Conferences

- Peggy Hunka (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

- Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the drought monitor report, which showed an area of exceptional drought in Central and far west Texas

### ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025, by Teams Videoconference at 1:30 PM.

### Review and discuss changes to the POE Annual Report and Charge

A draft of the POE Charge was reviewed with minor changes and approved for submittal to the main TGPC Committee meeting in April.

### 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

There was a short discussion on writing a PFAS/PFOS FAQ.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that Stephanie Keith is the new POE representative for TAGD and that David Gunn with TDLR is retiring.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.