

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF MEETING

Third Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2025

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda March 12, 2025
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2024
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Drought Monitor Report
7. 20250306 Draft_POESubCommCharge_2025.docx
8. Track Change-Draft_POESubCommCharge_2025.docx
9. Final-draft-StatewideWaterWellDatabases_FAQ28.docx

MEETING RECORD OF MARCH 12, 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 1:35 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the December 4, 2024, 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 166 samples. There have been 497 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](#)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 no events scheduled for the next quarter, but 9 events are scheduled for April 2025.

- There was a booth at the Plant Protection Conference held in Bryan December 10th and 11th.

Review Groundwater Conferences

- Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the upcoming conferences.

Review Drought Monitor

- Peggy Hunka (TCEQ) reviewed the drought monitor report, which showed an area of exceptional drought in far west Texas, but overall looking pretty good.

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

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 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

New FAQs on upcoming groundwater issues were discussed. One FAQ update was discussed and approved for posting on the website with minor changes.

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 2:10 p.m.