

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

RECORD OF MEETING

Third Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2026

Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

**Place: Virtual Videoconference
Meeting No. 89**

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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)
Jana Lloyd	Texas State Soil Conservation and water Board (TSSCWB)
Chris Hooyboer	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)

Other Agency Staff Affiliation / Program

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Peggy Hunka	TCEQ / WAD
Cindy Hooper	TCEQ / WAD
Kathy McCormack	TCEQ / WAD
Scott Underwood	TCEQ / WAD
April Hoh	TCEQ / WAD
Alan Cherepon	TCEQ / WAD
Christine Peters	Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
Reyna Loosmore	Sam Houston State University (SHSU) Institute for Homeland Security
Jazmin Villeda	TDLR

MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2025
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Draft POE Educational Outreach Plan

MEETING RECORD OF MARCH 4, 2026

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 1:03 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the December 3, 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 six one-hour events. Staff collected 608 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.

- Alan Cherepon (TCEQ) attended the Annual Plant Protection Conference in Bryan, Texas in December.
- The next booth event will be the TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair in San Antonio in May.

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) presented the draft POE Educational Outreach Plan. The updates include three main areas of interest to focus our outreach efforts on.
 - TWON Screening Events
 - Social Media
 - Additional FAQs

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 1:00pm by Teams Videoconference.

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 reprinted a couple publications. Joel restated that he can distribute reprints to any agency that needs them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.