

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF MEETING

First Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2027

Meeting Date: September 16, 2026

Place: Virtual Videoconference

Meeting No. 91

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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)
Chris Hooyboer	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)
Jana Lloyd	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
Robert Bradley	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
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Other Agency Staff Affiliation / Program

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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 3, 2026
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Draft POE Annual Report
7. Draft POE Educational Outreach Plan

MEETING RECORD OF SEPTEMBER 16, 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

Katie Brice (TCEQ) Co-Chair of the TGPC POE Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the June 3, 2026, 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 18 screening events. Staff collected approximately 700 samples in the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

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 seven events scheduled for the next quarter so far.

Katie Brice (TCEQ) asked what the most asked questions were during these Water Well Screening Events. Joel Pigg stated that people are asking how they create a Groundwater Conservation District (GCD); frustration from transmission line installations in west Texas; and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

- TCEQ members attended the TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference in Austin in August. TCEQ members and members of TGPC attended the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Groundwater Summit in San Antonio in September.
- At approximately 1:12 p.m., David Villareal joined the meeting and introduced himself.

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

Review Groundwater Conferences

- Katie Brice (TCEQ) reviewed the upcoming conferences. There are no conferences scheduled for the next quarter.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2026 by Teams Videoconference. The time will be announced closer to the meeting date.

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND APPROVE DOCUMENTATION

Review and Discuss, and Approve Changes to FY 2026 POE Annual Report

A draft of the POE Annual Report for FY 2026 was reviewed with minor changes and approved for submittal to the main TGPC Committee meeting in October 2026.

Discussion of Education Outreach Opportunities

David (TDA) mentioned Texas Water Day at the Texas Capitol would be a good outreach opportunity for the TGPC.

Discussion of POE Educational Outreach Plan.

Katie (TCEQ) revised the POE Educational Outreach Plan and discussed with the Subcommittee. The POE Educational Outreach Plan will be finalized at the next meeting in December 2026.

Publications

Joel Pigg mentioned he has reprints if any agency needs them.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Discussion

Katie (TCEQ) discussed the TCEQ website streamlining and presented an idea of creating FAQs from the webpages that will not be migrating to the new website. Katie (TCEQ) presented a mock-up of one of the FAQs. All of the possible FAQs will be presented at the next meeting in December 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.