

TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Legislative Report Subcommittee
Subcommittee Charge

Date Approved

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Sponsor

Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)

Chair

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Members

Participating and interested TGPC agencies and organizations, as well as any selected individuals to be determined when the Legislative Report Subcommittee is re-activated. The Legislative Report Subcommittee will be re-activated by the TGPC, as needed, in order to develop the *Activities and Recommendations of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee – Report to Legislature* (“*Legislative Report*”) that is published once every two years for the TGPC.

Subcommittee Purpose

Pursuant to §26.405 of the Texas Water Code, the Legislative Report Subcommittee is charged to facilitate the TGPC’s efforts in publishing the biennial *Legislative Report*. Statute requires that the report cover the TGPC’s activities for the two years prior to each Texas legislative session and include any recommendations for groundwater protection legislation. The Legislative Report Subcommittee is charged to:

- Review the previous report’s content and revise the scope of the draft report as needed; and,
- Develop recommendations for legislation for groundwater protection.

Expected Results

The draft report shall be presented no later than the fourth quarter TGPC meeting of each even numbered fiscal year.

The final report shall be presented for approval no later than the first quarter TGPC meeting of each odd numbered fiscal year.

The final report shall be published and distributed prior to December 31st of each odd numbered fiscal year and made available on the TGPC website (<https://www.tgpc.texas.gov>).

Final report distribution required by statute:

- Governor;
- Lt. Governor; and,
- Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The final report is also provided to the Chairs of both the House Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs and the Legislative Library.

Scope and Boundaries

When activated, Legislative Report Subcommittee meetings will be held as needed, must meet all requirements of open meetings, and must maintain written records of all meetings.

Reporting to the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee

When activated, the Legislative Report Subcommittee shall report on its activities at the regularly scheduled TGPC quarterly meetings until publication and distribution of the final report and recommendations. The TGPC will then de-activate the Legislative Report Subcommittee.