

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF MEETING

Second Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2025

Meeting Date: December 4, 2024

Place: Virtual Videoconference

Meeting No. 84

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda December 4, 2024
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2024
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Drought Monitor Report
7. In Progress_POESubCommCharge_Dec2024.docx

MEETING RECORD OF DECEMBER 4, 2024

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 1:30 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the September 12, 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 11 one-day events and one three-hour event. Staff collected 331 samples. There have been 4,393 samples or attendees at TWON events since May 2021.

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 four events scheduled for the next quarter, December 2024-February 2025.

- There were no TGPC Booth events this past quarter. There was a booth at the Plant Protection Conference that will be in the report for the next quarter.

Review Groundwater Conferences

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

Review Drought Monitor

- Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) 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, March 12, 2025, by Teams Videoconference at 1:30 PM.

Review and discuss changes to the POE Annual Report and Charge

The Educational Outreach Plan was tabled while the POE Charge is being reviewed for changes. A change in the meeting frequency was discussed. A draft will be developed and presented at the next POE Subcommittee meeting in March.

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. All current FAQs have been updated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.