

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

RECORD OF MEETING

Fourth Quarter Meeting, Fiscal Year 2024

Meeting Date: June 5, 2024

Place: Virtual Videoconference

Meeting No. 82

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MEETING HANDOUTS

1. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting Agenda June 5, 2024
2. TGPC POE Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2024
3. Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) Training Activities Schedule
4. Outreach Events Status Report
5. Water Conferences list
6. Drought Monitor Report
7. Draft FAQ, "Final WaterWellLevelsGWQualityQuantity_FAQ.docx"
8. Draft FAQ, "Final MonitorGWlevels_FAQ.docx"
9. Draft FAQ, "Final ETNetworks_FAQ.docx"
10. Draft FAQ, "Final Have Radionuclides Been Detected in Texas RadionuclidesTX_GW_FAQ.docx"
11. Draft FAQ, "Final WastewaterSystems_FAQ.docx"
12. Draft FAQ, "Final AbandonedWellPlugging_FAQ.docx"
13. Draft FAQ, "Final Monitoring Wells_FAQ.docx"
14. Draft FAQ, "Final WellOwner_FAQ.docx"
15. Draft FAQ, "Final WaterwellStorms_FAQ.docx"
16. Draft FAQ, "Final CisternHandDugWell_FAQ.docx"
17. Draft FAQ, "Final BuyingPropertywithPrivateWaterWell_FAQ.docx"
18. Draft FAQ, "Final What is a GCD.docx"
19. Draft FAQ, "Final FormingGCDs_FAQ.docx"
20. Draft FAQ, "Final What is a RWPG.docx"

21. Draft FAQ, "Final What is the TGPC FAQ.docx"
22. Draft FAQ, "Final JointReport_FAQ.docx"

MEETING RECORD OF JUNE 5, 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 1:05 p.m. Attendees were introduced. The meeting record for the March 20, 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 ten one-day events and one one-hour event. Staff collected 395 samples during this time. There have been over 3,744 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 two events scheduled for June-August 2024 and eight more in September and October 2024.

- TGPC Exhibit Booth:

There was one TGPC Booth event at the TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference held in Austin, TX on May 14-15, 2024. There were an estimated 522 visitors to the booth.

Review Groundwater Conferences

- Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the upcoming conferences. TGPC will have a booth at the upcoming TCEQ Public Drinking water Conference on August 6-7, 2024, and the TAGD Groundwater Summit on August 20-22, 2024.

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

Review Drought Monitor

- Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the drought monitor report, which shows that most of Texas is coming out of a drought.

ANNOUNCE FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next TGPC POE Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024, by Teams Videoconference at 1:00 PM.

Review and discuss changes to the POE Educational Outreach Plan

None

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

AgriLife Extension Reprints

Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension reported that reprints of *Nitrates in the Home* will need to be reprinted soon, but there are no reprints at this point.

FAQs and Fact Sheets:

The FAQs in the handout list were sent to the subject matter experts for review. All comments and suggestions were accepted, and the format of the FAQs were updated to a consistent format. Since these are updates, the FAQ has already been approved by the TGPC Committee and will simply be uploaded to the TGPC website. Subcommittee members have 10 days to provide further comment before the FAQs will be uploaded to the website.

Renaming the *FAQs* to *Topics of Interest* was discussed and combining the topics in one document.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.