

**Summary of Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)
Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Meeting
September 16, 2026**

The TGPC POE Subcommittee met on September 16, 2026. Eight state agencies and organizations were represented.

- Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reviewed the Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) training schedule. During the previous quarter, TWON staff held 18 screening events. Staff collected 700 samples over the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.
- The Subcommittee reviewed the current Outreach Events Status Report, which is available on the POE Subcommittee webpage under the “[Additional Resources](#)¹” heading:
 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension) Water Well Screening Events - Joel Pigg (AgriLife Extension) reported there were 18 events held during the 4th quarter of FY 2026.
 - TCEQ held the 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.
- Upcoming conferences were reviewed by Katie Brice (TCEQ).
- The POE Educational Outreach Plan was revised and will be finalized at the next meeting.
- 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.
- Members discussed the TCEQ website streamlining and presented an idea of creating FAQs from the webpages that will not be migrating to the new website. All of the possible FAQs will be presented at the next meeting in December 2026.
- The next POE Subcommittee meeting will be held on December 2, 2026.

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