

Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)
Groundwater Issues (GWI) Subcommittee Annual Report
October 14, 2026

This Annual Report is provided as per the TGPC GWI Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) *Charge*¹.

Fiscal Year 2026 Results

- The Subcommittee met^{2,3} four times during Fiscal Year 2026:
 - o September 10, 2025;
 - o December 3, 2025;
 - o March 4, 2026; and,
 - o June 3, 2026.
- At these meetings, the Subcommittee received reports from its Agricultural Chemicals Task Force, tracked the status of both TGPC and groundwater-related Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) publications, and discussed the following groundwater-related issues:
 - o Oil and Gas Produced Water;
 - o Emerging Chemical and Biological Contaminants;
 - o Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR);
 - o Abandoned Water Wells;
 - o Groundwater Quality Monitoring;
 - o Brackish Groundwater;
 - o Evapotranspiration Networks; and,
 - o Others:
 - § A joint venture uranium mining project in Brooks County;
 - § U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) application to regulate carbon capture and storage (CCS) Class VI wells;
 - § Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) grants for Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) in the state;
 - § State agency reporting requirements for notification of groundwater contamination;

§ The Texas Produced Water Consortium (TxPWC); and,

§ A groundwater policy recommendation in the Draft 2027 *State Water Plan*.

- As per its TGPC GWI Subcommittee Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 *Activity Plan*⁴, the Subcommittee reviewed its *Charge* during its fourth quarter meeting and did not have any changes to recommend to the TGPC.

Fiscal Year 2027 Plans

- During Fiscal Year 2027, the Subcommittee will develop its TGPC GWI Subcommittee Fiscal Year 2028 – 2029 *Activity Plan*.
- During Fiscal Year 2027, the Subcommittee will develop white papers on various topics, including but not limited to those listed in its *Activity Plan*.

¹ https://tgpc.texas.gov/wp-content/themes/responsive/subcommittees/gwissues/GWI_SubComm_Charge12Jul2023.pdf

² The TGPC approves all Subcommittee products and designated TGPC members who attended these Subcommittee meetings participated as an employee or representative of their agency or organization, not as a designated TGPC member. Therefore, these Subcommittee meetings were not subject to the Open Meetings Act and they were held 100% virtually. The public was also able to attend these meetings via videoconference or teleconference at no cost.

³ <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-groundwater-issues-subcommittee/meeting-records-of-the-tgpc-groundwater-issues-subcommittee/>

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https://tgpc.texas.gov/gwissues/activity_plans/TGPC_GWI_FY2026_2027_ActivityPlan_09Jul2025.pdf