

DATA MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
RECORD OF MEETING  
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## MEETING ATTENDANCE

<u>Subcommittee Members</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Janie Hopkins (Co-Chair)	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
David Villarreal	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
Mike Chadwick (Co-Chair)	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
David Morris	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
Cary Betz	Chair TGPC & Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Bryan Anderson	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

## MEETING HANDOUTS

1. October 08, 2013 Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Data Management Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
2. “A National Framework for Ground-Water Monitoring in the United States”, Revised July 2013, prepared by “The Subcommittee on Ground Water of the Advisory Committee on Water Information”, <http://cida.usgs.gov/ngwmn>

## MEETING RECORD OF OCTOBER 08, 2013

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Chadwick (TCEQ), Co-Chair of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Data Management Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 AM CDST. TGPC Data Management Subcommittee members were introduced. The agenda was presented and the main discussion would be centered on “A National Framework for Ground-Water Monitoring in the United States”, revised July 2013, prepared by “The Subcommittee on Ground Water of the Advisory Committee on Water Information”. There were no concerns with the record of the previous meeting.

### 2. BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Cary Betz provided copies of “The Subcommittee on Ground Water of the Advisory Committee on Water Information” to the attending sub-committee members and noted that this was a revised edition of July 2013 of the first release in June 2013. Discussion noted that the reporting format and variables contained in the report is the federal direction of groundwater management record keeping. Guidance was provided that interface between the federal agencies collecting groundwater information and reported information by the GWPC member agencies should follow the revised report. The July 2013 revised report will be distributed to the GMPC members at the next GWPC meeting with similar discussions on the groundwater variables and format. Cary Betz was asked by the TWDB if he could provide an executive summary of the report and a “cheat sheet” of the variables and he said that the summary will be provided. TWDB suggested that this summary could be distributed to various data collectors as GCDs and private citizens for a repeatable

format of reporting. It was noted by the TWDB that the report is used as a model by their agency and is compatible with the USGS and the July 2013 revised report.

### 3. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The TWDB related the following agency information;

- Updating the groundwater measuring sample methodology.
- Working with 50 GCDs on reporting water level measurements and difficulty with the districts providing data in a repeatable format.
- Submitted Driller's Report Database restructuring to be completed possibly next spring, migration from old to new database including pump tests, water quality, TDLR drillers reports, and gravel packing information.

The TWDB made two specific requests of the subcommittee;

- 1). Request of TCEQ to inquire if data points of PWS wells in "Water Watch" could be plotted on the TWDB WIID water well information site as a separate layer as the Submitted Driller's Report Database is now included. This PWS location information is currently kept in-house due to homeland security protection of source water locations from public access.
- 2). Request of TCEQ to provide a permanent identification to PWS wells. The source ID code presently changes when the well owner changes, causing historic information loss tied to that specific well. TWDB cannot keep a historic dataset on specific wells due to ownership changes. An unchangeable number, a raw water number, or a latitude longitude location of the specific well was offered by the TWDB to facilitate a permanent record number for specific PWS wells.

These two requests were acknowledged by the subcommittee and the TCEQ representatives will follow up with the TWDB requests.

TDA noted that TDA and TSSWCB were users of the data and that TWDB, TCEQ, and RRC were collectors of data. TDA recommended that a separate data discussion could address the users of the data and that USGS and PDW representatives from TCEQ could attend to facilitate a better understanding of the dataset use.

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Data Management Subcommittee will occur on the same date, in the morning, as the GWPC meeting and the subcommittee agreed that this was a good use of meeting time.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### 6. ADJOURN

Mike Chadwick (TCEQ) adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 AM CDST.