

Groundwater Advisory Committee Appointment

**Brenda Bateman
Administrator, Technical Services Division
August , 2014**

GWAC Responsibilities

- **Advise Commission and Department**
 - Rules related to groundwater
 - Licensing and examination of well drillers
 - Annual review of start card fund

❖ **Nine Member Committee**

- **Appointed to staggered, three-year terms**
- **Members represent a range of interests or expertise**
- **Three members active in the well drilling industry**

❖ **One member resigned/retired in May 2014**

- **Rod Rice – Multiple Backgrounds Category**

❖ **WRD recommending individual with similar quals**

- **Tom Pattee – Groundwater & Source Water Protection at Oregon Health Authority**

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