

Paul Gosselin joined the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as the Deputy Director for Sustainable Groundwater Management in July 2021 where he oversees the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). He has extensive experience in local groundwater management, and environmental regulations and leadership. Gosselin has a passion for advancing innovative scientific approaches. He was an early adopter and collaborator of innovating technologies to further understand geologic conditions important to groundwater management and this leadership paved the way for the statewide initiative to map groundwater basins.

Previously, Gosselin served 13 years as Butte County's Director of Water and Resource Conservation. In that capacity, he fostered regional partnerships through the Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and other water resource agencies, as well as working with the director of Butte County's planning and building functions to assure the protection of critical recharge areas in the Butte County General Plan. As chair of the Butte County Drought Task Force, oversaw the development of three Groundwater Sustainability Plans, and was administrator of two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Prior to his service in Butte County, Gosselin was Chief Deputy Director at the California Department of Pesticide Regulation where he developed regulatory programs to protect surface and groundwater quality. He received a Bachelors degree in biochemistry and a Masters degree in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts.