



Brian Dahle, 1st Assembly District

Assemblyman Brian Dahle is a third-generation farmer and business owner, first elected to the California Assembly in 2012.

Brian's family history in Northern California dates back to the original homestead farm in the 1930s in the Tule Lake area of Siskiyou County. The present Lassen County farm was purchased in the 1940s by Brian's grandparents and has remained in the family. When his parents retired, Brian and his wife, Megan, purchased the farm.

In addition, Brian and Megan Dahle operate and manage Big Valley Seed.

Since he first won election to the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in 1996, Brian has taken a leadership role in helping strengthen rural counties and rural economies. He is a past Chairman of Rural County Representatives of California, where he was a leading defender of the North State's private property and water rights.

After serving four terms on the Board of Supervisors, he is very proud of leaving Lassen County with no debt.

Brian worked for years with the Quincy Library Group, a pioneering attempt to forge a community-driven consensus to resolve conflicts over the management of Northern California's national forests – an effort that the U.S. Congress embraced through the bipartisan Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act. He served seven years on the board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, which promotes the environmental, economic and social health of the Sierra Nevada region, the source of the majority of California's water and timber as well some of its greatest recreational and tourism attractions.

His background and experience make him a passionate advocate in the Legislature for commonsense management of California's forests and water supply, and a believer in the principle that we can protect the environment while sustaining rural communities through balanced natural resource use.

In the Legislature, he has focused his energy on bringing back jobs while voting against job-killing regulations, fees and taxes. He worked across party lines to save rural hospitals from previously enacted budget cuts that would have closed down our skilled nursing facilities, and he secured millions of dollars for small rural schools for upgrades that reduce energy costs and put people in the district to work fixing aging school buildings.

He also secured the passage of AB 744, a bill that streamlines thinning of forest fuels in the Sierra Nevada, with the goal of fostering healthier, more fire-resilient forests and

protecting our communities and environment from wasteful and deadly catastrophic wildfires. In 2014, Brian was named Legislator of the Year by both the California Biomass Energy Alliance and Forestry Industry.

Brian continues to work for job creation and economic development in the rural North State and throughout California, pushing policies that keep families on their farms, protect water rights, and safeguard the natural resources.

He's blessed with the love of a supportive wife and three beautiful children.