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As yet there is no 2013 legislative news. The 113th Congress convened on January 3rd 2013. The California Legislature reconvened for legislative purposes on January 7th 2013. Its December 2012 session was for organizational purposes only.

All federal and state bills not acted upon during the prior legislative sessions are dead, but can be reintroduced as new bills. February 22nd 2013 is the last day for new bills to be introduced in the California Legislature. We can expect a raft of new bills by then, and it will take some time for CNPS to review them and decide which ones to support, oppose or merely watch.

Hopefully, the gains in the economy, however slight, will improve the chances for funding existing and enacting needed environmental protection laws.