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2016 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR  

Since the California Legislature just reconvened on January 4 for its 2016 session, at this January 5 writing there is no environmental legislative news to report. The most important legislative event this month will be Governor Brown’s preliminary budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year, which must be submitted to the Legislature by January 10. The annual budget is as vital to us environmentalists as it is to other groups because we need both good, protective environmental laws and adequate funding for their enforcement. The final budget bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 must be passed by June 15.

The legislative calendar requires carryover bills from 2015 to be passed by the house of origin by January 31. New bills must be introduced by February 19. August 31st is the last day for each house to pass bills. This year’s general election will be critical for future environmental legislation since we will elect a new President, a new Congress and a new California Legislature. Get involved!

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