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- 2) Update on a few legislative measures
- 3) Potential ballot initiatives for next year's General Election.

I. LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Since the August Council meeting, the Legislature considered the remainder of bills still active this year and adjourned September 11th for the year.

II. BILL UPDATES (SB 573, SB 223, AND AB 1201)

The following bills were held in their respective fiscal committees at the end of August and became two-year bills:

SB 573 (Pan), which parallels some of the work done by the Delta Science Program and the Data Summit held this past February, would establish a Chief Data Officer and require the development of a statewide data portal.

SB 223 (Galgiani) establishes an invasive, aquatic weeds task-force under the Division of Boating and Waterways focused on the management of plant species in the Delta, its tributaries, and the Suisun Marsh.

AB 1201 (Salas), requires Fish and Wildlife to develop a plan, in consultation with the Independent Science Board that

addresses the predation of Delta species like Chinook salmon and smelt by non-native species.

Eligible for further consideration in January.

II. BILL UPDATES CONT. (AB 1390/SB 226, AB 1323)

Successful in making it to the Governor's desk:

AB 1390 (Alejo) and SB 226 (Pavley) comprise the groundwater adjudication streamlining effort.

AB 1323 (Frazier) would provide public agencies with some additional authority to remove abandoned vessels from public waterways; something that the Delta is certainly not immune from.

The Governor has 30 days to act. Failure to do so would result in the bills becoming law.

III. NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT AND FED. NEWS

Three initiatives that could be on the November 2016 Ballot are currently in varying stages of qualifying.

No Blank Checks Initiative: Requires voter approval for the sale of public infrastructure bonds amounting to more than \$2 billion. The Secretary of State's Office is currently confirming whether the proposal met its signature threshold with an announcement anticipated in the coming weeks.

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Two proposals that would extend the income tax portion of Proposition 30 that is set to expire in 2018 were recently announced and are likely to enter circulation for signature gathering in the coming months.

In federal legislative news, the House and Senate Drought bills are scheduled to be heard on October 8 in the Senate's Natural Resources and Energy Committee.