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NOTED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEADER TONY GRASSO NAMED DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. – June 25, 2014 – Respected construction industry leader Tony Grasso has been named Deputy Executive Director of the California Asphalt Pavement Association. He begins his new job on July 1 and will be based in Southern California.

Grasso, who previously held executive positions at Associated General Contractors of California and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), replaces Jim St. Martin, who retired from the association in 2012 but stayed on in a part-time consulting capacity until a replacement could be named.

“Tony has a well-deserved reputation in our industry as hard-working, knowledgeable and effective,” said Alan French, General Manager of DeSilva Gates Materials and vice chairman of CalAPA. “He will be an outstanding representative for our interests and a welcome addition to our team.”

Grasso holds a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, Fullerton, and teaching credentials from California State University, Los Angeles and California State University, San Bernardino. He began his professional career as a public school teacher, but later worked for AGC as district manager in Southern California and Chief Operating Officer of the statewide organization. He also was executive director of the Engineering Contractors’ Association, and executive director of SANBAG. His professional experience also includes stints at CalAPA-member Griffith Co. and Penhall Co. Recently he was a business consultant for MAP Consulting.



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While at AGC, Grasso oversaw the Joint Engineering Division and coordinated and established a joint AGC/Caltrans Task Group to address specification review and bid items for Storm Water Pollution

Prevention Programs (SWPPP), which helped reduce exposure to contractors. Also while at AGC, Grasso led the industry arbitration efforts to get compensation for Wage Order 16 Rest Period regulation and the loss of productivity for contracts that were already in place before the implementation of the Wage Order.

“Tony is a vast storehouse of knowledge on many issues that are important to our membership,” said CalAPA Executive Director Russell Snyder. “He has served on numerous technical committees and represented the interests of contractors and suppliers in an evenhanded and resourceful way. His integrity and humility is widely known and respected.”

The California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA) is the only statewide trade association focused exclusively on the asphalt pavement industry in California. The association’s membership includes asphalt producers, refiners, paving contractors, suppliers, equipment manufacturers, engineering consultants and other companies related to the industry. For more information on CalAPA, visit www.calapa.net .

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