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L.A.-High Desert Technical Committee meeting  
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. to noon  
Caltrans Southern Regional Lab, 13970 Victoria St., Fontana  
Contact: Brandon Milar (916) 995-0086

## Greetings!

This weekly bulletin contains the latest news and information of interest to the asphalt pavement industry in California. Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to others who may be interested in asphalt pavements.

## → Obituary: Special Session of the Legislature on transportation funding

Long-suffering Californian motorists mourned the passing of a Special Session of the Legislature devoted to transportation funding, which was declared dead last week. The session expired before its second birthday.

*(Editor's Note: This is the portion of the obituary that details the accomplishments of the deceased. But in the case of the Special Session, with the exception of a few bill introductions and hearings, nothing of substance occurred).*

Gov. Jerry Brown announced the special session on June 15, 2015 at the same time he announced a budget agreement with the Legislature that did not include a long-term plan to address California's transportation funding crisis.

Another fiscal year came and went this year with no agreement, and still the Special Session lingered on as if hooked up to life-support machines but with no other signs of life. The decision was announced by Brown and legislative leaders last week to pull the plug. The session officially expires on Nov. 30.



Various plans have been floated to address the funding shortfall but none could muster enough votes in an election year.

In the original proclamation calling for the extraordinary session, Brown said it was needed to focus on "fixing California's roads, highways and other infrastructure."

The governor's announcement noted that the state's fuel tax for transportation, which hasn't been raised since the 1990s, "is sufficient to fund only \$2.3 billion of work -- leaving \$5.7 billion in unfunded repairs each year." The funding picture has only worsened since then.

Although transportation advocates have pressed for a "lame-duck" session of the Legislature to be held after the Nov. 8 election, there were no indications that such a session could be convened.

A joint letter issued last week by Brown, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon ended the suspense.

Click [HERE](#) for details.

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CalAPA Annual Dinner  
Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jonathan Club

545 S. Figueroa St.

Los Angeles, CA

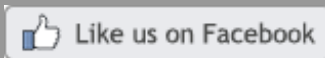
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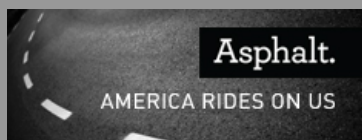
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"While there will not be a lame-duck session of the Legislature to approve a transportation funding deal in 2016, our work on this critical issue continues," the letter said. You can read the letter [HERE](#).

No services were planned. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the CalAPA Political Action Committee.

A previous *Asphalt Insider* report on this issue can be found [HERE](#). A commentary on roads and cow flatulence is [HERE](#).

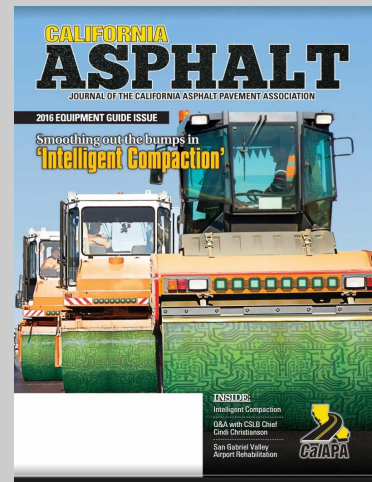
## → 2016 equipment issue of 'California Asphalt' magazine is now on-line

The 2016 Equipment issue of CalAPA's official magazine, *California Asphalt*, is now available on-line. Click [HERE](#) to view the issue in a 3-D, interactive format.

The issue features an update on "Intelligent Compaction" technologies, and also an exclusive interview with Cindi A. Christianson, the chief of the state Contractors' State License Board.

In addition, the issue features many different types of equipment that are utilized in the asphalt pavement industry in California. To view an archive of past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#).

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## → CalAPA L.A.-High Desert Technical Committee meeting Dec. 7 to feature presentation on moisture sensitivity

CalAPA members and public agency personnel are invited to the CalAPA joint Los Angeles & High Desert area Technical Committee meeting, where technical information and best practices about Hot Mix Asphalt will be discussed in an informal setting.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Caltrans Southern Regional Lab, 13970 Victoria St. in Fontana.

The meeting's featured presentation will be on evaluation and treatment methods used for asphalt mixes to mitigate moisture sensitivity. The featured presenter will Brandon Milar, P.E., Director of Technical Services for CalAPA.

The meeting will also feature an update on Caltrans specification development and the local Green Book, as well as reports from local and state agencies about pavement projects and issues. As always,

or technical professional who makes decisions on pavement type selection? The DriveAsphalt website has technical reports and other resources may be just what you're looking for. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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## MAGAZINE



there will be ample time for questions and answers.

For additional information or to RSVP to the meeting, click [HERE](#).

## → California hosts delegation from South Korea to share information about asphalt pavements, plant operations

A delegation of road officials from South Korea recently visited Northern California to get a first-hand look at how asphalt pavements are designed, constructed and evaluated.

The group, sponsored by the International Road Federation, were given a tour of a Sacramento quarry and asphalt plant operation by Teichert Materials. More photos from the tour can be found on photo album on the CalAPA Facebook page [HERE](#).

The delegation marveled at the miles of conveyor belts leading from the quarry to the plant, including passing under a nearby public street, and the continuous-feed drum plants. Batch plants predominate in South Korea.



*Teichert's Mike Cunningham (left) explains the various components of the firm's Perkins Plant operations to a delegation from South Korea.*

The use of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) was also of interest to the visitors. South Korea typically uses 40 percent RAP in asphalt pavement mixes. The group also marveled at the market-driven pricing structure for asphalt in America. In South Korea, the government sets the price for asphalt.

The Nov. 7 tour of the Teichert Perkins Plant operations was conducted by Mike Cunningham, Teichert's regional operations manager.

CalAPA partners with the International Road Federation in information-sharing activities, and each year sponsors a college student from California to be a fellow to the IRF leadership development program.

## → First in a video series on asphalt: What's in it?

Our colleagues at the Plantmix Asphalt Industry Association of Kentucky (PAIKY) are producing an excellent series of on-line videos that provide brief explanations of various aspects of asphalt production and placement. The first in the series covers the basic ingredients of asphalt. You can view the 3-minute video [HERE](#).

Other videos in the series cover other topics that frequently generate questions to the industry, such as what happens at the plant and the basics of a road-building operation. We are adding links to the videos as they are released on our video resource page. You can view our video page [HERE](#).

We will spotlight other informative video releases in upcoming issues of



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*Asphalt Insider*. In the meantime, a tip of the hardhat to our colleagues in Kentucky for producing such an outstanding and accessible educational tool.



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## DESIGN!



## → Registration open for CalAPA Annual Dinner Jan. 19 in Los Angeles

Registration is now open for the CalAPA Annual Dinner, to take place Thursday, Jan. 19 at the elegant Jonathan Club in Los Angeles. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line.

Assemblyman Jim Frazier, chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, will be the keynote speaker. He is backing a comprehensive transportation funding plan that would result in \$7 billion more per year above current funding levels.



**Assemblyman Jim Frazier**

The Jonathan Club is located at 545 S. Figueroa St. in downtown Los Angeles. There are a limited number of rooms available at the historic venue.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044.

## → Tech Term of the Week

*Each week we highlight a word, acronym or other reference commonly used in the asphalt pavement industry in California.*

**CRUSHER RUN:** Aggregates that have received little or no screening after initial crushing operations. Crusher run aggregates are generally more economical than screened aggregates.

## → Quote of the Week

"The only use of an obstacle is to be overcome."

**Woodrow Wilson**

We hope you enjoy CalAPA's *Asphalt Insider*. We are committed to

providing you with the most up-to-date information on technical issues, regulation, news and events in California that may impact the asphalt pavement industry. Click [HERE](#) to contact us with any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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