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

## 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.

## → Legislature raises curtain on new session; transportation bills are first to be introduced

The California Legislature began a new session last week, with Democrats clawing back a "super majority" and two transportation-funding bills among the first to be introduced.

The three-month recess to accommodate the fall campaign season resulted in 31 new members, comprised of nine newcomers in the 40-member Senate and 22 in the 80-member Assembly.

Bucking a conservative tide nationally that handed Republicans the White House, control of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the 2017-18 legislative session in Sacramento will be dominated by Democrats, with "super-majorities" in both the state Senate and state Assembly. California law and legislative custom requires a two-thirds vote to raise taxes, approve a budget or waive legislative rules that could otherwise slow down the progress of bills moving through the statehouse. Republicans lost some key contested races in November that kept the Democrats from a "super majority" last session. Regardless, the Legislature seldom votes strictly by party lines, so moderate Democrats could join with Republicans to block tax hikes or other proposals deemed unfriendly to business.



Democrats also occupy all statewide offices in California, including the office of the governor, as well as both U.S. Senate seats. Democratic state Attorney General Kamala Harris easily won the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Barbara Boxer.

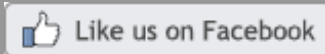
Since the Legislature operates on a two-year cycle to conduct business, all bills from the past two years that were not passed and sent to the governor are dead and must be re-introduced. That also holds true for the concurrent "special session" of the Legislature called by the governor and devoted to transportation. That special session officially expired on Nov. 30 with no action taken.

The two competing bills on transportation funding from the last legislative session, and also the special session, were reintroduced on Tuesday as new bills with new numbers that will be easy to remember. Assembly Transportation Committee Chairman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley,

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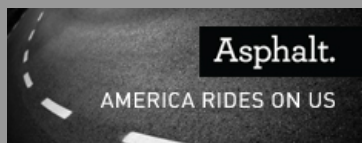
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re-introduced his funding bill in the Assembly and it received the designation AB1. The full text of the bill is [HERE](#). State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, chairman of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, reintroduced his transportation funding bill in the Senate and it received the designation SB1. The full text of the bill is [HERE](#).

Both bills envision the state spending \$6 billion or more on top of current levels of transportation spending, and contain a number of new taxes and fees to cover the increase. The state's "pay-as-you-go" fuel tax, which financed road improvements for the better part of the last century, has not been raised since the 1990s, and the transportation improvement projects ushered in by various stop-gap state and federal "economic stimulus" programs in recent years are on the wane.

With no movement on a comprehensive transportation funding deal in sight at the Statehouse, voters in seven counties took matters into their own hands, adopting local sales tax measures that will generate billions of dollars of new revenue to transportation, overcoming a two-thirds Constitutional requirement for such measures to pass. Read the *Asphalt Insider's* post-election recap [HERE](#).

### → Balance of power at South Coast air district board shifts again as longtime Republican board member is replaced by Democrat

When longtime Republican member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Mike Antonovich, was term-limited out of a job this year, it also impacted the balance of power at the powerful South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors last week voted to replace Antonovich as its representative on the multi-county air board with liberal Democrat Sheila Kuehl, a former legislator who is now a Los Angeles County Supervisor.

Her appointment, in effect, wrestles control of the board from a more pro-business majority that had been in control for a short time and created a political firestorm that spread all the way to Sacramento. To read a previous *Asphalt Insider* coverage of the SCAQMD, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

A bill introduced the Legislature to change the makeup of the board, opposed by CalAPA, died in committee last year.

The change could jeopardize air pollution-reducing incentive programs that had been popular with industry. CalAPA has testified before the local air district board in favor of the programs.

CalAPA will continue to monitor the activities of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and will provide updates to the membership as warranted.



### → Workshops on implementation of new

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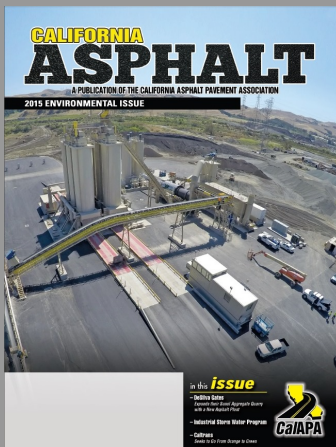
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## recycling law set for today (Dec. 12) in West Sacramento & Dec. 13 in Diamond Bar

The state agency that oversees recycling in California plans to hold public meetings this week to solicit input on proposed regulations that are being developed as part of a recycling reporting bill that was passed last year.

The bill, AB901, authored by Assemblyman Richard Gordon, D-Menlo Park, covers a broad array of recycling activities and seeks to implement additional reporting requirements. The bill is likely to impact asphalt producers and others who handle Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and used concrete re-purposed for construction base material.



The state agency charged with implementing the new regulations is the California Department of Resources and Recovery, otherwise known as CalRecycle. The department will hold two workshops this week, one in Northern California and one in Southern California, to give industry an opportunity to review and comment the latest draft of the proposed regulations. The first workshop will be held today (Monday) Dec. 12 will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ziggurat building, 707 3rd St., West Sacramento. A second workshop will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the AQMD Theater, 21865 Copley Dr. in Diamond Bar. The meetings also will be broadcast live via the web. To view a broadcast schedule, click [HERE](#).

CalRecycle has established a page of resources on their website devoted to this topic. You can view it [HERE](#). The most recent draft of the proposed regulations is [HERE](#).

For additional information and analysis, CalAPA members should consult a "Member Alert" that was sent out Dec. 9 on this topic.

## → Third in a 5-part video series on asphalt: What happens in a paving train?

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 third in the series spotlights what happens in a typical asphalt paving train. You can view the 3-minute video [HERE](#).

Other videos in the series cover topics that frequently generate questions to the industry, such where asphalt comes from and the basics of a road-building operation.

As the videos are posted, we are adding direct links

to them on our video resource page. You can view our video page [HERE](#).



We will spotlight other informative video releases in upcoming issues of *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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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, AB1, that would result in \$6 billion more per year above current funding levels.



**Assemblyman Jim Frazier**

The festive evening will also recognize longtime leaders of the industry, and an installation of association officers for 2017.

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.*

**CAPE SEAL:** A surface treatment where a slurry surfacing is placed over a chip seal. These may be placed on newly constructed surfaces. Cape seals are used to provide a dense, waterproof surface with improved skid resistance and ride quality. Use of polymer or asphalt rubber modified chip seals in cape seals may alleviate reflective cracking.

## → Quote of the Week

"The electric light did not come from the continuous improvement of candles."

**Oren Harari**

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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Executive Director

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