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University of Phoenix, San Diego Campus,
9645 Granite Ridge Dr.
Building 9665, Room #301

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.

→ Governor unveils 2017-18 state budget proposal; recycles elements of last year's transportation funding blueprint

Gov. Jerry Brown last week released his proposed state budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year, a \$177.1 billion spending plan that recycles elements of his transportation funding plan from last year that, if enacted, could generate \$4.3 billion a year over the next decade to help stabilize funding for roads and could give a boost to the asphalt pavement industry.

Overall, however, the governor's budget cast a pessimistic tone, and in his letter to the Legislature he warned that state revenues have fallen short of projections and could start the state down a familiar path of budget deficits that dogged the state from 2008 to 2011. "The surging tide of revenue increases that we enjoyed the past few years appears to have turned," the governor wrote. "Instead we now face a budget deficit of \$2 billion. While this amount pales in comparison to the \$27 billion deficit we faced in 2011, it demands our attention. Small deficits can quickly mushroom into large ones if not promptly eliminated."



Voters in November of 2014 approved a statewide ballot measure (Proposition 2) intended to strengthen a "rainy day fund" first created by voters in 2004. It raised taxes on the wealthiest Californians to close a massive budget deficit and, as it was promoted, to set aside money for future economic downturns. While it was billed as a temporary measure, an extension, Proposition 55, was placed on the November 2016 ballot and approved by voters. Nevertheless, the budget notes that tax revenues have dropped slightly from projections and the budget dips into the "Rainy Day" fund to close the \$1 billion budget gap. The governor's budget released today projects the "Rainy Day" cash reserve will grow to \$7.9 billion.

The Legislature will begin hearings on the plan in February, and no doubt will make changes, as part of an annual give-and-take before a Constitutionally-mandated deadline for a new, approved spending plan to be in place for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Transportation advocates were guarded in their reaction to the spending plan, but it does appear to advance some important policy goals long sought by the road-building industry and included in the governor's transportation plan he advanced last year but that went nowhere. It

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"Asphalt Pavement 101"
class

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8 a.m.
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National University, Rancho
Cordova Campus,
10901 Gold Center Drive
Room #118,

Rancho Cordova. Contact:
Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044

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CalAPA Annual Dinner

Thursday, Jan. 19,
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Jonathan Club
545 S. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA

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information.

Details [HERE](#).

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"HMA Pavement
Smoothness" class

Thursday, Jan. 19, 8 a.m. to
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University of Phoenix,
Bakersfield Campus, 4900
California Ave., Suite A300,
Room #111, Bakersfield
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L.A. Area Technical
Committee Meeting,
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 9:30
a.m. to noon

County of Orange, RDMD
Conference Room, 1152 Fruit
St., Santa Ana

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also recycles many of the elements of the governor's transportation proposal he advanced last year but that went nowhere.

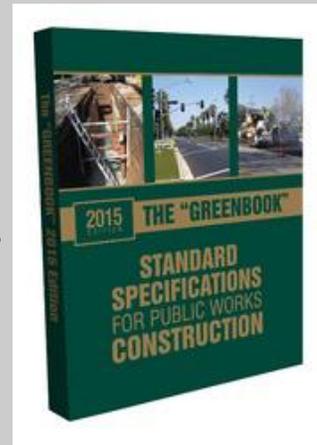
A summary of the governor's budget can be found [HERE](#). The governor's 5-year infrastructure plan is [HERE](#).

For additional details and analysis on how the budget may impact the asphalt pavement industry, CalAPA members should consult a "Member Alert" that was sent out to members Jan. 10.

→ 'Greenbook' committee planning on major update to popular specification book used by many local agencies in Southern California

The Greenbook Asphalt Task Force has embarked on a major update to the asphalt specifications of the "Greenbook" Specification, and agency and industry participation is welcome.

Representatives from throughout the state are meeting to replace the Hveem compactor language with the gyratory compactor in the asphalt mix design method. The group has reviewed several data sets from agencies and contractors that included existing Hveem Greenbook mixes compacted with the gyratory compactor. The group will begin additional mix evaluations to determine the design gyration parameters.



At the next Task Force meeting, scheduled for Feb. 1 in Santa Ana, the group will begin the process of updating section 302-5 "Asphalt Concrete Paving." The group will review and update portions related to Prime Coat, Tack Coat, paving equipment, paving process, lift thicknesses and temperatures. The group requests that agency and paving contractors consider participating in this effort.

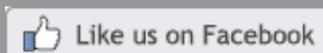
If you are interested in assisting, please attend the next meeting of the CalAPA L.A. Area Technical Committee and the Greenbook Asphalt Task Force Meeting on Feb. 1 at the County of Orange-Construction Division Conference Room A, Santa Ana. For more information on the meeting, click [HERE](#) or contact CalAPA's Director of Technical Services, Brandon Milar, at (916) 995-0086.

2017 Forecast issue of CalAPA's 'California Asphalt' magazine now on-line

The 2017 Forecast issue of CalAPA's official publication, "California Asphalt" magazine, is now on-line. Click [HERE](#) to view the issue.

Among the featured articles are reports on the uphill battle to secure a comprehensive statewide transportation funding plan, the UCLA Anderson economic forecast for the nation and California, an exclusive interview with *San Jose Mercury News* transportation writer Gary Richards, and other industry news.

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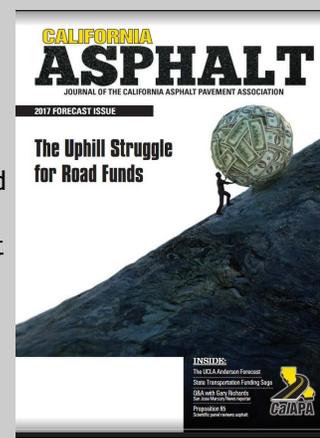


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→ CalAPA-sponsored IRF fellow is Stefan Louw, a graduate student from UC Davis

This year's CalAPA-sponsored participant in the International Road Federation Fellowship program is Stefan Louw, a graduate student of engineering at the University of California, Davis.

As part of the "Road Scholar" fellowship, Louw and other IRF fellows traveled to Washington, D.C., for events earlier this month coinciding with a Transportation Research Board conference, and had the opportunity to meet with numerous industry and agency leaders.

"I am honored to be a recipient of this CalAPA-sponsored fellowship to the IRF, a non-profit organization that affects road policies around the world. It is a passion of mine to improve transportation for communities around the world and to provide sustainable methods to facilitate this. Together with the IRF, I hope to make a change."



Stefan Louw

As a graduate student researcher at the University of California Pavement Research Center, Louw has participated in research on full-depth, in-place pavement recycling, and laboratory, field and accelerated pavement testing.

He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and a master's degree from UC Davis. He is currently working on his PhD in geo-technical engineering at UC Davis.

This is the third year CalAPA has sponsored an IRF "Road Scholar" Fellow. Last year UCD Graduate Student Shawn Hung was the CalAPA-sponsored designee, and in 2015 the sponsored student was Yuan He.

The sponsorship is made possible in part by CalAPA member dues and support of various CalAPA events, such as the annual golf tournament. Louw will be introduced to the membership at the CalAPA Annual Dinner this Thursday in Los Angeles.

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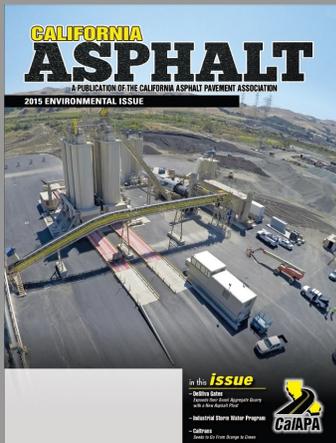
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Stefan Louw, left, and past CalAPA Chairman Jeff Reed of the George Reed Co. meet earlier this month at the TRB meeting in Washington, D.C.

→ Video: Asphalt improves safety in the rain

Drought-parched California welcomed the recent rains to help replenish reservoirs and mountain snow pack, but it also served as a reminder of the safety to motorists of asphalt pavements.

In a brief video distributed by the Asphalt Pavement Alliance, a CalAPA partner, the safety benefits of the asphalt Open-Graded Friction Course commonly used in California freeways is highlighted. Click [HERE](#) to view the video.



Everyone wants smooth, quiet and well-maintained pavements, but when the rain comes down it's also an added measure of comfort knowing that asphalt pavements are also helping to make for a safer drive home, school or work.

To view other Asphalt Pavement Alliance videos, click [HERE](#).

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

XYLENE EQUIVALENT: The test to determine whether an asphalt has been cracked or injured by overheating during the refining process.

→ Quote of the Week

"There comes a time when silence is betrayal."

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Martin Luther King Jr.

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Sincerely,

Russell W. Snyder, CAE

Executive Director

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