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**State Capitol "Fly-in"**  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
March 14-15  
Lunchtime briefing, meeting with legislators & optional dinner. Join us in the fight for road funding!  
State Capitol, Sacramento  
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**Southern California paving contractor mixer**  
Wednesday, March 15, 4

## 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.

## → Commentary: Winds of change blowing toward air quality regulations?

There's a saying among residents of New England that if you don't like the weather, "wait a minute." This phrase, which may also apply to any other locale where the weather changes rapidly, seemingly can be extended to the world of air quality regulation in California these days.

The construction industry has been playing defense for more than a decade as wave after wave of emissions regulations at the local and state level rendered perfectly good equipment obsolete, added cost to operations, and in the process vaporized huge chunks of the value, creditworthiness and bonding capacity of countless companies. The courts are considering lawsuits that have challenged the regulations on scientific, technical and legal grounds.

Environmental activities, meanwhile, have continued to be vocal participants at every level of government and generally receive favorable treatment from elected officials unwilling to run afoul of anything labeled "green" regardless of what cost it imposes on business or unintended consequences to society.



**Photo posted on social media of attendees at a recent South Coast Air Quality Management District Board meeting.**

Sometimes change comes like a bolt out of the blue to shake up the status quo, such as when the South Coast Air Quality

Management District Board tilted briefly to a slightly more business-friendly approach, deposing its executive director in the process, only to have it swing back to a more business-hostile approach with the appointment of new Los Angeles County Supervisor Shiela Kuehl, a Westside liberal and reliable environmental mouthpiece, to the panel. The controversy reverberated all the way to Sacramento, where CalAPA and other industry groups last year successfully lobbied against passage of a bill in the state Legislature to add more seats -- and Sacramento control -- to the AQMD board.

Barely weeks into her tenure at the SCAQMD, Kuehl joined a board majority March 4 to curtail a popular incentive program to reduce emissions in the Los Angeles basin known as RECLAIM. You can read a

p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Karl Strauss Brewing Co.,  
2390 E. Orangewood Ave.,  
Anaheim  
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"Asphalt Pavement 101"  
class  
Tuesday, April 11, 8 a.m. to  
noon  
University of Phoenix, San  
Diego Campus, 9665 Granite  
Ridge Drive, Room 301, San  
Diego  
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916)  
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**REGISTRATION OPEN!**  
**CalAPA Spring Asphalt  
Pavement Conference &  
Equipment Expo**  
April 12-13  
Doubletree Hotel, 222 N.  
Vineyard Ave., Ontario  
Contact Sophie You at CalAPA  
at (916) 791-5044 for  
sponsorship and exhibitor  
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Details [HERE!](#)

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"HMA Pavement  
Smoothness" class  
Wednesday, April 12, 9:30  
a.m. to 2 p.m.  
National University, San Jose  
Campus, 3031 Tisch Way,  
Suite 100 Plaza East Room 103  
San Jose  
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previous Asphalt Insider articles about industry's previous efforts to engage the AQMD and support the program [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

In a windowless conference room last week in Sacramento, meanwhile, a workshop hosted by the California Air Resources Board was gathering final comments from industry representatives in advance of its next draft of the state's



Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) and Portable Engine and Equipment Registration program known as PERP. In a glimmer of good news, it was announced that contentious language included in an initial draft of the proposed regulations was dropped. That language would have not allowed PERP registration to accommodate portable equipment that returns to a given site, which has come to be known as "recurring use." Industry argued that such a provision would greatly reduce the flexibility of the program and is not realistic given the fluid nature of construction projects. More information on this topic can be found on the CARB website [HERE](#).

At the same time, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District was soliciting comments on the latest draft of its Clean Air Plan. CalAPA and the California Construction & Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA) have submitted detailed written comments raising concerns about some elements of proposed changes to regulations covering facilities. The Air District website devoted to the topic is [HERE](#).

Looming over all this activity in California is a major disruptive event that has the potential to upend the regulatory world as we have come to know it in California. A new president has taken office pledging to dismantle harmful regulations and bureaucracies, and has placed at the helm of the federal Environmental Protection Agency former Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, and installed former Texas Gov. Rick Perry as his Energy Secretary. Both have had strong words against red tape.

What is happening on the federal level is significant because the federal Clean Air Act grants a waiver to California to regulate motor vehicle emissions standards, and several other states follow California's regulations, comprising perhaps 40 percent of the vehicle market.

Similarly, the EPA grants California an annual waiver on regulating Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. When questioned during a recent hearing in Washington, including by new U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), Pruitt would not issue a blanket endorsement of the waivers.



***U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris***

The annual GHG waiver issued by the EPA has been held up before, when George W. Bush was president. California and 13 other states successfully sued to have it reinstated. There are increasing calls from the GOP and the business community to revisit the EPA waiver issue, prompting the California Air Resources Board to issue the following statement: "Over the past 50 years, EPA has granted California more than 100 waiver determinations, and those determinations were issued under the administration of both parties. California's unique ability to set and enforce its own standards on mobile sources is critical for California to protect public health, and has benefited the nation."

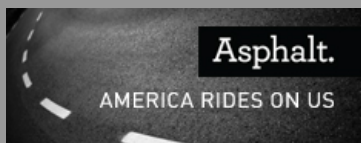
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## GET TECHNICAL

Are you an engineer, designer 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.

How this will play out is anyone's guess. Not wanting to jeopardize federal funding for the state's crumbling infrastructure, many California politicians are keeping a low profile on the issue. The state's wobbly "cap and trade" program and the federal government's claw-back of more than \$600 million worth of grant funds for Bay Area rail electrification may have gotten everyone's attention. As much as deep blue California portrays itself as "unique" and apart from the red states that ushered in a new Republican president and GOP control of the Senate and House of Representatives, California and the federal government are inexorably linked. Change may indeed be in the regulatory winds.

### → A few spots left for Southern California contractors' networking event March 15 in Anaheim

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee is holding a networking event March 15 in Anaheim. Click [HERE](#) for details or to sign up.

CalAPA paving contractor events are a great way to reconnect with friends and colleagues, make new relationships, and have a great time in the process.

The CalAPA March Mixer, organized by the Southern California Paving Contractor Committee, will take place at the Karl Strauss Brewing Company in Anaheim from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This popular craft brewpub is a happening place to relax and enjoy the company of friends, delicious food and distinctive beverages.



Admission to the mixer includes a fabulous selection of appetizers and two drink tickets. Space is limited and advanced registration is required for this CalAPA member-only event. For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

### → Colleagues salute Valero's Don Goss on the occasion of his retirement

Don Goss, the unflappable voice of reason who shared freely of his encyclopedic technical knowledge of binders over his long career in the asphalt business, was saluted last week on the occasion of his retirement from Valero Marketing & Supply Co.

Well-wishers from Valero, customers, competitors and public agencies gathered at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach on Thursday to pay tribute to Goss, who is capping a 34-year career with Valero, and the company it acquired, Huntway. He plans to retire to Redding, Calif., with his wife, Mary.

Although his official work title may have been "Senior Manager of Product Technical Services," he was saluted for his technical expertise, genuine desire to advance the industry and, above all, his

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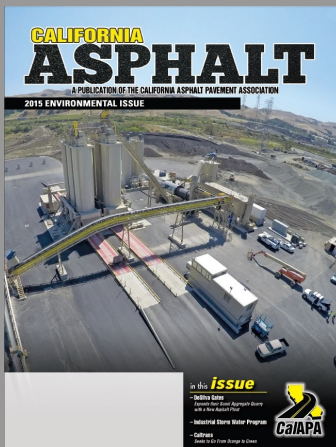
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integrity.

The company's official announcement noted that Goss "provided a broad range of product technical support to Valero's internal operations, Valero's Asphalt Marketing Group, and to customers and agency representatives who use asphalt binder products."

Goss most recently served as co-chair of the CalAPA Technical

Advisory Committee, and also served as a member of the Asphalt Institute's Technical Advisory Committee as well as AI's Health, Safety & Environment Committee. He served as a member of the Caltrans-industry Technical Committee for the design of Long-life Asphalt Pavement Specifications. He also was a well-known contributor to the Pacific Coast Conference on Asphalt Specifications, and the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists.

Whenever there were sharp differences of opinion in a technical meeting, it always seemed like Goss was the calming influence that kept the focus on verifiable facts and other evidence to keep the discussions moving forward. That demeanor was evidenced recently when Goss was named co-chair of the Caltrans-industry Rock Products Committee subtask group for the verification of crumb rubber in asphalt products.

On Jan. 19 of this year, Goss's many years of service to the asphalt pavement industry was recognized by his induction into the CalAPA "Hall of Fame." Many noted that his spirituality informed his approach to honest and fair dealings with all. He was a fixture at the CalAPA Annual Dinners for many years delivering the invocation that kicked off the evening programs. In 2015, he called upon a higher power to give strength and resolve to the industry to "affirm our common ties and our common endeavors."



*Don Goss, left, and fellow CalAPA Hall of Fame inductee Rita Leahy (center) at the CalAPA Annual Dinner Jan. 19 in Los Angeles. They were introduced by CalAPA Director of Technical Services Brandon Milar.*

## → Registration open for Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference April 12-13 in Ontario

Registration is now open for the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, which will be held April 12-13 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register.

The must-attend event will be attended by hundreds of industry and agency representatives and feature an impressive lineup of speakers, who will delve into technical aspects of asphalt pavements and important policy matters.

Transportation funding will also be a hot topic of discussion at the conference, which will feature speakers who will provide insight from different points of view, including former Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, now Executive Director of Transportation California, an

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advocacy group.

Other topics that will be featured at the conference include pavement smoothness, mix design, "Greenbook" specifications, porous asphalt, port construction, "Superpave," Warm Mix Asphalt, environmental issues and more. The conference website [HERE](#) has additional information and an on-line registration page. A timed agenda of speakers and topics is [HERE](#).



**Roger Dickinson**

The two-day conference will feature dozens of booths from exhibitors, and an outdoor equipment area where manufacturers and distributors will have the latest equipment on display. Display space is limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Click [HERE](#) for exhibitor and sponsor information, or contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for details.

The conference begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, and wraps up at noon on Thursday, April 13 at the Doubletree, 222 N. Vineyard Ave. in Ontario. Also back this year is a popular networking reception the evening of April 12, which is free for all attendees who RSVP.

New this year is an optional on-site "Asphalt Pavement 101" class April 12 taught by former Caltrans senior materials engineer Roger Smith. Click [HERE](#) for details on that class.

For a list of exhibitors from last year's Spring Conference, click [HERE](#). Photos from last year's Spring Conference are posted on our Facebook page [HERE](#).



**Lots of equipment will be on display at the Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference in Ontario.**

## → For the record

A "Tech Term of the Week" published in last week's *Asphalt Insider* was misspelled. The correct spelling of the term is "Dust Palliative." The definition that accompanied the term, which was correct, is "1) Any chemical, in flake form or in solution, used to control dust. 2) Liquid asphaltic oil."



## → Tech Term of the Week

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

**PROFILE:** A longitudinal section of highway, drainage course, etc.

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## → Quote of the Week

"Govern a great nation as you would cook a small fish. Do not overdo it."

**Lao Tzu**

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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, analysis 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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