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REGISTRATION OPEN!

CalAPA Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, Sept. 21

Pacific Palms Resort, Industry Hills

Contact: Sophie You or Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044

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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.

→ CalAPA Technical Advisory Committee talks tech, & effective meetings techniques

The CalAPA Technical Advisory Committee met last week at the association's offices in West Sacramento and via phone & web conference, covering a wide range of topics that inform and advance industry knowledge on technical aspects of asphalt pavement design, production and placement.

The association committee, currently chaired by Tim Denlay of Knife River, follows changes in specifications, technology and best practices and formulates strategies for helping the industry understand and be prepared for the changes while minimizing risk. Any CalAPA member may participate on the committee. For more information, contact CalAPA Director of Technical Services, Brandon Milar, at (916) 791-5044.



Members of the CalAPA Technical Advisory Committee met Aug. 3 in West Sacramento.

Following the technical portion of the meeting, participants took part in a special training session designed to provide them with tools and techniques to help them be more effective during meetings on technical topics.

There are numerous opportunities for industry representatives to meet with project owners and customers and exchange information about project specifications, acceptance and expectations. Often times these discussions can be highly technical in nature and provide a fertile ground for misunderstandings and conflicts.

The training session requested by the TAC covered well-established techniques to help technical experts communicate in a straightforward manner and resolve conflicts to the satisfaction of all parties.

CalAPA is happy to share the presentation with members and agency personnel. For more information, contact Russell Snyder of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

→ Members in the news: Alta Vista Solutions names new CEO

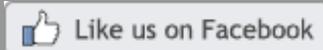
CalAPA member Alta Vista Solutions announced that it has appointed

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SAVE THE DATE!
'Asphalt Pavement 101'
class

Tuesday, Oct. 24
National University, Redding
Campus, 760 Cypress Ave.,
Suite 215, Redding
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916)
791-5044
Details soon!

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SAVE THE DATE!
CalAPA Fall Asphalt
Pavement Conference &
Equipment Expo
Wednesday & Thursday,
Oct. 25 & 26
Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point
West Way, Sacramento
Details soon!
For sponsorship and exhibiting
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Paul Bews as its new Chief Executive Officer, succeeding Mike Cook, who is retiring. The changeover will take effect Sept. 5.

"Paul's proven track record in the industry along with his passionate focus on both employee and client needs uniquely qualifies him to lead Alta Vista going forward," Cook said in a statement.

Bringing 30 years of industry experience to the Alta Vista leadership position, Bews is a mechanical and production engineer by education and training, and has a master's degree in transportation systems, strategy and policy from City University London (2015). He is currently Rail and Systems Director for Alta Vista. The full company announcement is [HERE](#).

Alta Vista is a California-based engineering firm and has worked with public and private organizations worldwide to complete large-scale and complex engineering projects. The company website is [HERE](#).



Paul Bews



Mike Cook

→ Coming soon to a road near you

Quick, what do State Route 59 near Merced, State Route 113 in Solano County, Highway 101 near Buellton, Highway 101 near Santa Barbara, State Route 36 in Trinity County and more than 40 miles of freeways and highways in Los Angeles have in common?

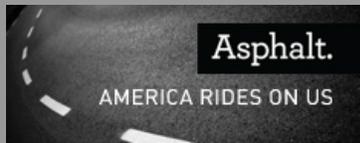
Answer: these and many more projects are being accelerated and beginning construction now thanks to SB1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Rather than try to chase cones and message boards around, transportation planners have produced a handy map of accelerated projects occurring throughout the state. You can view it [HERE](#).

As reported previously in Asphalt Insider, the state has established a "Rebuilding CA" website as a clearinghouse for all the news and information related to SB1. You can visit it [HERE](#).



The backlog of work needed, and the "fix it first" emphasis of SB1 means that asphalt pavements, which surface about 94 percent of pavements in California, will be a central focus of repair work. Motorists are reminded to exercise extra caution when driving near road-repair activity, and to avoid distracted driving.



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.



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BACK ISSUES

Did you miss an issue of the *California Asphalt Insider*? No problem! Past editions of the newsletter are available at the CalAPA newsletter [archive page](#).

MAGAZINE

→ Sen. Jim Beall, author of historic SB1 road repair & accountability bill, to speak at CalAPA conference Oct. 25 in Sacramento

State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, Chairman of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee and author of SB1, the historic Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, will be the keynote speaker at the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo in October.

Beall, whose dogged determination was instrumental securing passage of the \$52 billion investment in California's crumbling transportation infrastructure, will recount how the landmark bill was able to win passage after years of trying, as well as to discuss the accountability features of the bill to protect transportation dollars in the future.



State Sen. Jim Beall, right, is presented a special asphalt pavement scarf earlier this year by CalAPA Executive Director Russell Snyder. The scarf was knitted especially for the Senator by Adrienne Snyder.

The conference will be held Oct. 25-26 at the Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento. Registration will be opening soon. Sponsors should contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 to secure prime locations for the popular trade-show portion of the conference. Beall will speak Oct. 25 to open the conference.

A popular figure in transportation circles for his cerebral yet determined approach to transportation policy and investing in the future, Beall has said the state will closely monitor how SB1 funds are used to ensure that taxpayers get maximum value for the investments in roads, bridges and other transportation investments.

Beall recently discussed the importance the accelerated work schedule and "producing results." To listen to his comments, click [HERE](#). For some light summer reading, CalAPA's epic chronicle of the road to SB1 passage, featured in *California Asphalt* magazine, can be found [HERE](#).

→ Job opportunity: Public Works Maintenance & Operations Manager, City of Glendora

The City of Glendora is advertising for the position of Public Works Maintenance and Operations Manager for the city, which is located in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County.

The department provides maintenance services for streets, traffic, storm drains, equipment, facilities and related operations including fleet maintenance. Recent local government experience is preferred.



CalAPA produces a highly regarded magazine, *California Asphalt*, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#).

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Applications must be submitted by Aug. 18. Details about the position, including how to apply, can be found [HERE](#).

For more information, contact Cecilia Todd, City of Glendora, at (626) 914-8259.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

JOINT FILLER: Compressible material used to fill a joint to prevent the infiltration of water or debris.

→ Quote of the Week

"A man always has two reasons for doing anything: a good reason and the real reason."

J.P. Morgan

→ For the Record

Due to an editing error, an article that appeared in the July 31 issue of *Asphalt Insider* about a state Supreme Court case ruling included a reference to the term Environmental Impact Report (EIR) without spelling it out on first reference.

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,

Russell W. Snyder, CAE

Executive Director

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