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### **SPOTS GOING FAST!**

**CalAPA Annual Golf Tournament**

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

**Pacific Palms Resort, Industry Hills**

## 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 appoints Van Konynenburg to California Transportation Commission

A noted Central Valley transportation leader has been appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the California Transportation Commission.

Paul Van Konynenburg, of Modesto, was named Aug. 29 to the 11-member panel that oversees transportation policy and spending in the state, and has been given broad new oversight responsibility with the passage by the Legislature earlier this year of SB1, a comprehensive road repair and accountability bill.

Van Konynenburg has been managing partner at Britton Konynenburg Partners since 1993. He was an associate at Velthoen Associates Commercial Real Estate from 1990 to 1992. Van Konynenburg is a member of the Opportunity Stanislaus Board of Directors. CalAPA was among those groups and individuals that wrote to the governor endorsing Van Konynenburg for the position.



**Paul Van Konynenburg**

"The passage of SB1 gives California the opportunity to address our road repair deficit as well as invest in new critical infrastructure," Van Konynenburg told *California Asphalt Insider*. "I am looking forward to working with my fellow commissioners to enact sustainable and practical solutions to our infrastructure investment opportunities as technology changes the way we travel and move goods in California."

Van Konynenburg is an expert on transportation finance, and was instrumental in guiding the successful campaign for a local sales tax measure devoted to transportation recently approved by voters in Stanislaus County. The county is one of 24 so-called "Self-Help Counties" that generate about 60 percent of the total dollars devoted to transportation in California. Learn more about the Self-Help Counties [HERE](#).

"After having worked under Paul on the successful 'Citizens for Better Roads and Safer Streets - Yes on Measure L' campaign in Stanislaus County, I can say he is an amazing and dedicated individual who fully understands the positive impact good roads have on people's lives locally and statewide," said Jeff Reed, CEO of CalAPA member company George Reed Inc./Basic Resources. "He gets it. He will be a discerning and thoughtful voice to help our state get the best value out of our

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**SIGN-UP NOW!**  
'Asphalt Pavement 101'  
class

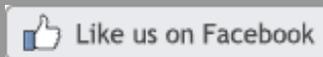
Tuesday, Oct. 24  
10 a.m. TO 2:30 p.m.  
National University, Redding  
Campus, 760 Cypress Ave.,  
Suite 215, Redding  
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Details [HERE](#).

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**REGISTRATION OPEN!**  
CalAPA Fall Asphalt  
Pavement Conference &  
Equipment Expo  
Wednesday & Thursday,  
Oct. 25 & 26  
Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point  
West Way, Sacramento  
Details [HERE](#).

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## CHOOSE ASPHALT

Asphalt is used on about 93  
percent of paved roads in  
California and across the U.S.  
Why? Because it's smooth,

existing tax dollars and our upcoming new SB1 road funding."

In CalAPA's letter to the governor recommending Van Konynenburg for the appointment earlier this year, the association said: "Paul is a proven leader who has brought together diverse groups to form coalitions to accomplish big objectives."

The appointment of Van Konynenburg to the four-year term on the CTC requires confirmation by the state Senate. To learn more about the CTC, click [HERE](#). To learn more about SB1, the Road Repair and Accountability act of 2017, which will generate an estimated \$52 billion over 10 years for transportation improvements in California, click [HERE](#).

## → Spots disappearing faster than a 2-foot putt for the CalAPA Golf Tournament Sept. 21 at the Pacific Palms Resort

Procrastinator alert! Spots are going fast for one of the most popular industry events of the year, the annual CalAPA Golf Tournament Sept. 21 at the fabulous Industry Hills Golf Club at the Pacific Palms Resort in Industry, Calif. This event sells out every year so don't miss out. Click [HERE](#) to visit the sign-up page.

The golf tournament is sponsored by the CalAPA Southern California Contractors' Committee. Proceeds from the event help support CalAPA's workforce development efforts, such as its annual International Road Federation fellowship and providing free passes to CalAPA conferences for college students who are aspiring materials engineers.



*Your cart is waiting at the Annual CalAPA golf tournament Sept. 21 at the Pacific Palms resort.*

The scenic hilltop course is fun and challenging at the same time, and has been frequently used as a backdrop for Hollywood film and TV production.

The shotgun tournament will feature lunch, dinner, plenty of beverages, a gala awards dinner and loads of prizes.

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities to help CalAPA members build their brand and support a good cause. For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

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## MAGAZINE

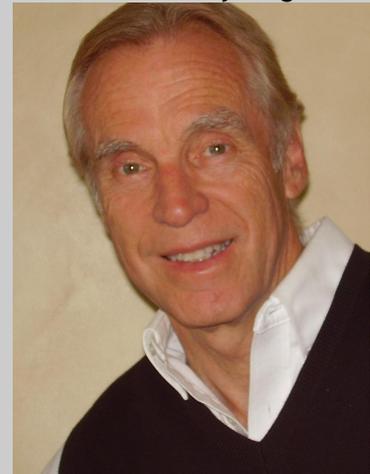


*The Pacific Palms resort boasts two championship-caliber courses that are meticulously maintained, as well as a driving range, spa, restaurants, hotel and other amenities.*

## → 'Asphalt Pavement 101' classes to be held in Redding, Sacramento in October

CalAPA's highly-rated "Asphalt Pavement 101" class will be held at two locations in Northern California in October. Classes are scheduled for Oct. 24 in Redding and Oct. 25 in Sacramento in conjunction with the Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference. Click [HERE](#) for registration details on the Redding Class, and click [HERE](#) for registration details on the Sacramento class (which can be added as part of conference registration or selected as a class-only option).

The "Asphalt Pavement 101" class is a good overview of everything asphalt, touching on how asphalt pavements are designed, constructed and maintained. It is taught by Roger Smith, a former senior materials engineer with Caltrans and the Asphalt Institute, as well as a former executive director of CalAPA.



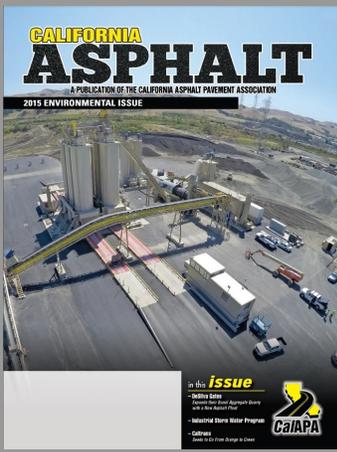
**Roger Smith**

Although the class is just a half-day it is packed with loads of useful information for contractor and agency paving crews, quality control specialists, lab personnel and others who interact with asphalt pavements.

The class will cover pavement structure and terminologies, asphalt binders, aggregates, asphalt mixes, plant operations and mix delivery, paving and rolling, acceptance specifications and testing.

Because so much is changing in the world of asphalt pavements, the class is constantly updated and is an excellent refresher course for veterans in the industry as well as providing a good overview for those new or just returning to asphalt pavements. The class has been updated to add a summary of "Superpave"-inspired elements recently added to Caltrans asphalt specifications.

"Asphalt Pavement 101" is a recommended prerequisite for other CalAPA technical classes, such as "Caltrans Section 39 Specifications,"



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## DESIGN!

"Essentials of Pavement Smoothness," "Understanding the Job Mix Formula" and "Quality HMA Paving."

All class attendees will receive a handy reference booklet that includes copies of the slide presentation, key acronyms, glossary and other essential information for future reference. Attendees will also receive a handsome certificate of completion documenting that they have completed four (4) Professional Development Hours (PDH) of technical instruction.

CalAPA can also bring training classes to your company or agency, which can greatly reduce travel time and expense. Contact Ritha Nhorn of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for details.

## → CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo Oct. 25-26 in Sacramento; optional 'Asphalt Pavement 101' class added

Registration is now open for the Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, to be held Oct. 25-26 in Sacramento. Details about the conference, including on-line registration, can be found [HERE](#).

The keynote speaker will be 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. The measure, signed into law by the governor earlier this year, will invest \$52 billion for transportation improvements over 10 years, with most of the money going toward pavements. Holding state and local agencies accountable for how the money is spent is a prominent feature of the legislation, and will also be a central theme of Beall's remarks.

Also on the program will be Tony Tavares, Caltrans Maintenance Chief, who will discuss the types and timing of pavement projects made possible by SB1. The lion's share of SB1 is devoted to maintenance activities intended to improve the condition of roadways, bridges and other surface transportation infrastructure. There will also be a presentation on federal infrastructure funding by Ashley Jackson, Director of Governmental Affairs for the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA).



**Tony Tavares**

Conference presentations will cover best practices in Hot Mix Asphalt design, specifications, testing, placement, future trends, public works funding, research and the status of evaluations. Noted experts will delve into the latest information regarding performance testing and specifications, perpetual pavements in California, specifications for local streets and roads, compaction essentials and performance of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) mixes. A detailed timed agenda will be posted on the event website later this month.

The conference will kick off at 1 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento. It will feature an evening reception on Oct. 25, and a full day of educational programming on Oct. 26. A new feature this year will be three concurrent sessions on

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Day 2, so attendees can choose which educational tracks are best suited to their area of interest. By popular demand, an optional training class, "Asphalt Pavement 101" will be offered on Oct. 25, taught by former Caltrans and Asphalt Institute senior materials engineer Roger Smith.

Concurrent Session 1 will focus on design & specifications, including engineering tools to deliver pavement performance. Concurrent Session 2 will do a deep dive into materials, including keys to successful asphalt mix design and production. Concurrent Session 3 will emphasize construction, including proper lay-down best practices for overall performance. The concurrent sessions, as well as the reception, are included in the price of conference admission. See the on-line registration form for additional details.



***Getting an up-close look at the latest equipment is a popular feature of the Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo.***

A popular feature of the annual conference is the trade show floor and outdoor equipment on display. Click [HERE](#) for information about sponsoring or exhibiting at the conference. Exhibitor questions should be directed to Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044. Exhibitors are encouraged to reserve their spots early as the prime locations go fast.

## → CalAPA offices to be closed Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday

CalAPA offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The offices will reopen during regular business hours on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

## → Tech Term of the Week

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

**DENSE GRADED AGGREGATE:** A mineral aggregate uniformly graded from the maximum size down to and including sufficient mineral dust to reduce the void space in the compacted aggregate to exceedingly small dimensions approximating the size of voids in the dust itself.

## → Quote of the Week

"If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever."

Thomas Aquinas

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comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

**Russell W. Snyder, CAE**

Executive Director

California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA)

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