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LAST CHANCE!
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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'Asphalt Pavement 101' class
Tuesday, Oct. 24
10 a.m. TO 2:30 p.m.

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.

→ Road funding in California turns into a political football

It's often said there are no Democratic or Republican potholes. But that concept appears lost on some political operatives in California, who have seized on the idea of repealing a comprehensive road improvement program as a gimmick to motivate tax-averse voters to turnout at next November's midterm election.

This comes as accelerated road repairs are underway all across the state as a result of the passage earlier this year of the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017, which included the first increase in the state's fuel taxes in more than two decades. The money, which will cost the average motorist an estimated \$10 per month, will generate about \$52 billion over 10 years, with most of the money designated for improving crumbling city, county and state roadways.

The main road-repair bill, SB1, by Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, passed the Legislature back in April on a party-line vote with only one termed-out Republican senator voting "yes." Long pushed to the margins in deep blue California, Republicans have turned an investment in the state's neglected transportation infrastructure into an anti-tax crusade.



Earlier this year, Assemblyman Travis Allen, an Orange County Republican and long-shot candidate for governor, filed paperwork with the Attorney General's office that is the first step in qualifying an initiative for the statewide ballot to repeal SB1. Allen did not like the proposed ballot language written by the Attorney General's Office, and filed a lawsuit challenging it. There was no evidence of a well-organized or funded campaign to gather the more than 300,000 signatures of registered voters to qualify the measure for the ballot.

Republicans seemed to be having more success in an SB1-fueled recall election of state Sen. Josh Newman, D-San Dimas, who won election in 2016 by a razor-thin margin against incumbent Republican Ling Ling Chang. Flipping the seat helped Democrats achieve a two-thirds "super majority" in the Senate, technically allowing them to pass any legislation, including urgency and fiscal bills, without Republican votes.

Recall forces have reportedly collected enough signatures to put it on the ballot, and Chang has announced she will put her name forward to replace Newman if the recall is successful. The *Los Angeles Times* called the recall election a "power play" by Republicans seeking to wrest super-majority control of the Legislature from Democrats. A claim

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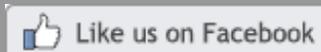
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CalAPA Fall Asphalt
Pavement Conference &
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Wednesday & Thursday,
Oct. 25 & 26
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SAVE THE DATE!
Southern California
Contractors' Committee
'End Zone' mixer
Monday, Nov. 6
Karl Strauss Brewing
Company, 2390 E.
Orangewood Ave., Irvine
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by recall backers that Newman was the deciding vote on SB1 has been debunked by an independent fact-checking organization.

The latest salvo was fired last week when paperwork for yet another statewide initiative was filed with the Attorney General's office, this one supported by Republican members of California's Congressional Delegation. Much like the state Legislature, California's 53-member Congressional delegation is dominated by Democrats, with only 14 members of the Republican Party. Historically, the party in power at the federal level loses ground in mid-term elections, and several Republicans Congressmen face the potential for contested campaigns to retain their seats. An anti-tax measure, such as an SB1 repeal, is seen by some as a way to stimulate voter turnout from the conservative base.

The broad coalition that supported SB1, which includes CalAPA, was quick to raise objections to the proposed SB1 recall efforts.

"While Congress has repeatedly failed to act, California finally passed a historic measure to invest in fixing roads, repairing unsafe bridges, and reducing traffic congestion," said Lucy Dunn, president and CEO of the Orange County Business Council. "This measure -- which won't be voted on for a year if it goes forward -- will have the effect of halting billions of dollars worth of local road repair and improvement projects mid-stream. It will kick people off the job site and completely leave road construction in disarray.



Lucy Dunn

"We know Californians overwhelmingly want their roads repaired and voters will oppose this measure when they learn it will stop thousands of needed traffic relief improvements around the state, including road repairs in their communities," added Dunn, who is also a member of the California Transportation Commission. "We urge our friends in Congress to put a stop to this effort."

A coalition letter sent last week to all 14 Republican members of California's Congressional Delegation, signed by CalAPA and several other companies and organizations, states that "any attack on SB1 amounts to an attack on improving our badly-deficient transportation system, endangering our economic growth and competitiveness, and increasing unemployment." The letter goes on to say, "With so much at stake, our organizations will have no option but to mount a robust and powerful effort in opposition to this initiative." Similar sentiments were expressed by representatives of the national Transportation Construction Coalition, of which the National Asphalt Pavement Association is a partner.

To read the full press release from the Fix Our Roads coalition on the SB1 repeal effort, click [HERE](#). To learn more about the work generated by SB1, click [HERE](#). For grass-roots resources, including how to contact you elected representatives, click [HERE](#).

→ Special Quality issue of *California Asphalt* magazine now on-line; features in-depth report on high RAP in California

Asphalt is used on about 93 percent of paved roads in California and across the U.S. Why? Because it's smooth, quiet, safe, durable and 100 percent recyclable. Visit the [Asphalt Pavement Alliance](#) website learn more about why asphalt is the right choice now more than ever.



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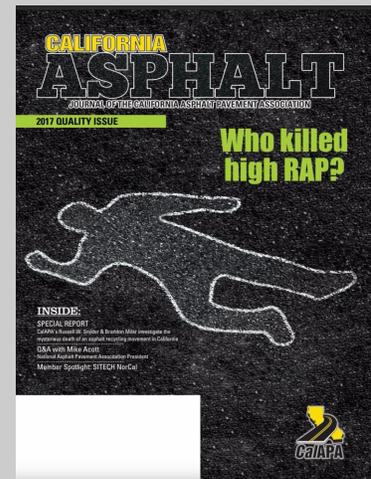
BACK ISSUES

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](#).

A special Quality-themed issue of CalAPA's official magazine, *California Asphalt*, is now arriving in mailboxes across the state. An interactive, on-line version of the issue can be found [HERE](#).

The publication features an in-depth report about the utilization of high Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in California. The issue also includes a Q&A with National Asphalt Pavement Association President Mike Acott, a recap of recent association news, and a profile of new CalAPA member SITECH NorCal.

For an archive of past editions of *California Asphalt*, click [HERE](#). For information on how to advertise in the publication, click [HERE](#) or contact Kerry Hoover of Construction Marketing Services at (909) 772-3121.



➔ Something for everyone at CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo Oct. 25-26 in Sacramento

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](#).

This year's program is the annual event's most ambitious ever, with more educational opportunities than ever before. Click [HERE](#) to view a detailed agenda to topics and presenters. It's also a networking bonanza, with more than 200 industry and agency personnel expected to attend.

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.

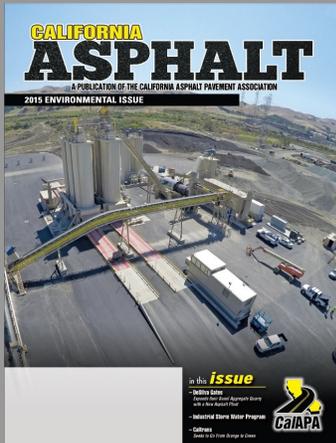
Also on the program will be Tony Tavares, Caltrans Maintenance Chief, who will discuss the types and timing of pavement projects made possible by SB1. The lion's share of SB1 is devoted to maintenance activities intended to improve the condition of roadways, bridges and other surface transportation infrastructure.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



Sen. Jim Beall

Recently added to the program is Larry Bonine, president of Pinnacle Leadership Group and a former Arizona DOT Director. He is a nationally recognized expert on leadership and partnering between public works

MAGAZINE



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agencies and the construction industry. An interview with Bonine was featured in the 2016 leadership issue of *CalAPA's California Asphalt* magazine, which can be viewed on-line [HERE](#).

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. The timed agenda of topics and presenters is [HERE](#).

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 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 in the morning 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.



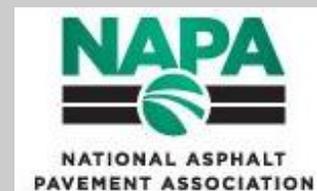
Getting an up-close look at the latest equipment is a popular feature of the Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo.

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.

➔ Upcoming NAPA webinars cover trucking regulations, pavement design

The National Asphalt Pavement Association, a CalAPA partner, is offering two free webinars this month on trucking regulations and pavement design.

A one-hour webinar on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to noon PDT will cover "Trucking Hours of Service" regulations that are part of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's regulations that are adopted by many states. The webinar will cover new requirements on Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), and regulations covering hours of service and short-haul exceptions. The webinar will be conducted by Richard P. Schweitzer, PLLC. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to register on-line.



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On Thursday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to noon PDT, NAPA will conduct a webinar on pavement design as part of its "Back to Basics" technical education series.

The webinar will be conducted by Kevin Hall, Ph.D., P.E., of the University of Arkansas. The webinar will detail how flexible pavements work to carry traffic and how this impacts design considerations. Some details on mechanistic-empirical design will be covered, but the primary purpose of the webinar is to provide a basic understanding of the AASHTO 93 Design Guide and how to apply it. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to register on-line.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

POROUS ASPHALT PAVEMENTS: A design strategy to mitigate storm-water runoff whereby water flows through the pavements (typically a mix design with air voids of 20-25 percent) and into the soil or an aggregate base that carries water away from the pavement.

→ Quote of the Week

"Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall."

Stephen Covey

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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