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Southern California Contractors' Committee
'End Zone' mixer
Monday, Nov. 6
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 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.

→ Instructors sought for Joint Training & Certification Program for materials technicians

The Caltrans Joint Training & Certification Program for materials technicians, officially unveiled earlier this year, is advertising for qualified instructors to teach classes in HMA, soils and aggregate testing to be held in Northern and Southern California.

A collaborative effort of Caltrans, industry and academia, the landmark program is being supported at the outset with a \$1.3 million inter-agency agreement between the department and California State University, Long Beach. Classes also will be held on the campus of California State University, San Jose.

The program will deliver training and certification for materials testing technicians in the specialties of Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA), Soils and Aggregates, and Portland Cement Concrete (PCC). After the initial start-up phase, the program will be supported in perpetuity by fees charged for classes and certifications. Similar public-private partnerships in other states have been shown to improve tester competence and reduce test result variability.

A 2014 letter signed by eight construction trade associations, including CalAPA, endorsed the Joint Training & Certification concept and encouraged the state to embrace it. The central idea is that when all technicians, public and private, are trained and certified to the same professional standard, test results will be more uniform, reducing conflict and the potential for claims, which can drive up the cost of projects. The first classes in PCC test methods, utilizing the well-established curriculum and standards set forth by the American Concrete Institute (ACI), were held earlier this year.



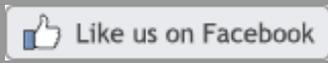
Shadi Saadeh of Cal State Long Beach, left, and Al Ochoa of Caltrans show off the first HMA Technician training manual at a kick-off event earlier this year.

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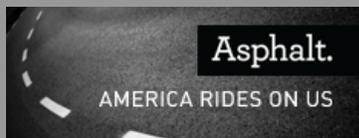
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GET TECHNICAL

Long Beach State developed the curriculum for HMA and soils and aggregates under the guidance of Caltrans, industry and other subject-matter experts. On the HMA side, there will be an HMA1 and HMA 2 module, covering a variety of test methods unique to California (CTM), and also test methods promulgated by the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The program arrives as SB1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, ushers in an estimated \$52 billion over 10 years for transportation, with most of the money devoted to state and local roads. The bill also calls for reforms and cost-savings on how the tax dollars are utilized -- a key goal of the JT&CP initiative.

Prospective JT&CP instructors, who will be independent contractors, are encouraged to visit a special recruitment web page [HERE](#) for details on expected qualifications and instructions on how to apply. The main JT&CP web page is [HERE](#).

A previous *Asphalt Insider* story about the JT&CP can be found [HERE](#).



An impressive array of subject-matter experts from industry, agencies and academia gathered at Sacramento State University in January to review and comment on the Joint Training & Certification Program curriculum.

→ Teichert conducts plant tour for staff of CalRecycle; emphasis is on RAP utilization

CalAPA member Teichert conducted an educational tour of its Perkins Plant in Sacramento for staff members from CalRecycle, the state agency that oversees recycling programs in California.

The Oct. 16 tour comes as the state is working to implement elements of AB901 (Gordon), a bill signed into law by the governor and makes substantial changes to how recycled materials in California are regulated and reported.

Of particular interest during the tour was how Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) is collected, processed and then shipped out in the form of paving products. Asphalt is the world's most recycled

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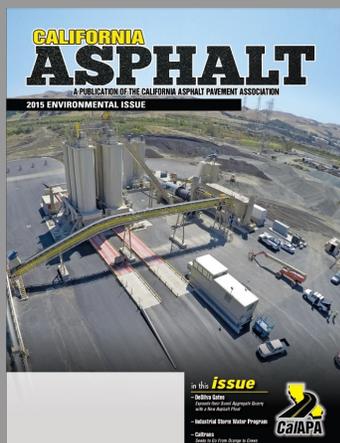
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material, and industry has been promoting the use of RAP as a more sustainable pavement strategy with proven durability that also saves tax dollars.

Staff members from CalRecycle, formally known as the California Department of Resources, Recycling & Recovery, asked numerous questions about the sources of RAP, how it is processed, and the impediments to utilizing more RAP on public and private road projects.



Teichert's Mike Cunningham points out features of the company's recycling operations Oct. 16 to staff members of CalRecycle.

Conducting the tour was Mike Cunningham, Teichert's regional operations manager for Teichert Rock Products and a highly regarded ambassador for the industry. CalRecycle staff participants were Lisa Garner, Meagan Brinkmeyer, Steven Sander and John Bruce.

To read CalAPA's exhaustive investigative piece on RAP utilization in California, which appeared in the most recent edition of the association's *California Asphalt* magazine, click [HERE](#). The issue was recently shared via social media by state Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma, who when she was in the Assembly authored AB812, a bill signed into law by the governor calling for Caltrans to increase RAP utilization. Ma told *Asphalt Insider* that she still has a keen interest in the bill and its twin goals of protecting the environment and saving tax dollars.



Teichert's Mike Cunningham (facing camera) explains the processing of recycled materials during an Oct. 16 facility tour.

→ Southern California Paving Contractor 'End Zone' mixer set for Nov. 6 in Anaheim

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee is holding a networking event Nov. 6 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

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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in the process.

The CalAPA November Mixer, organized by the Southern California Paving Contractor Committee, will take place at the Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 2390 E.

Orangetown Ave. in Anaheim from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 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.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

RAVELING: Aggregate loss from the pavement surface. This may be caused by the wearing away of the pavement surface, dislodging of aggregate particles, shrinkage or insufficient adhesive and cohesive strength of the asphalt binder. Loss of cohesion may be caused by aging or incomplete cure of an emulsion.

→ Quote of the Week

"True ignorance is not the absence of knowledge, but the refusal to acquire it."

Karl Popper

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Sincerely,

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