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CalAPA Annual Dinner
Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018
Jonathan Club
545 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles.

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Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo
April 25 & 26, 2018
Doubletree Hotel, 222 N.

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.

→ National survey continues to show strong RAP utilization; California lags

The latest survey on Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) utilization nationwide and in California, released earlier this month, continues to show the popularity of giving new life to old pavement.

The use of Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) and Reclaimed Asphalt Shingles (RAS) are also gaining in popularity as the industry continues to incorporate environmentally-friendly technologies and techniques into regular operations. In California, however, RAP usage declined slightly, the survey found.

Since the 2009-10 construction season, the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) has conducted a national survey, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, to quantify the amount of reclaimed RAP, RAS and WMA used by the asphalt industry. Click [HERE](#) to view the latest survey and an announcement, plus surveys from previous years.



The reports have shown the industry has steadily increased the use of recycled materials and WMA throughout the United States. Overall, more than 99 percent of asphalt pavement material removed from roads and parking lots in 2016 was put back into use, primarily in new asphalt pavement mixtures.

Specifically:

- Over 76 million tons of RAP were incorporated into new pavement construction, and another 1.9 million tons of reclaimed asphalt shingles (RAS).
- The reuse of RAP and RAS resulted in a cost savings of more than \$2.1 billion compared to the use of virgin materials.
- The survey found that at the end of 2016 about 93.6 million tons of RAP was stockpiled for future use, which saved nearly 50 million cubic yard of landfill space.
- In California, data collected indicated RAP usage actually dipped from the prior year, from 15.7 percent to 14.7 percent. To read a comprehensive article on the topic, "Who Killed High RAP?" that appeared in CalAPA's *California Asphalt* magazine, click [HERE](#).

For more on the energy-saving attributes of recycling asphalt, click [HERE](#) to view a fact sheet produced by the CalAPA-supported Asphalt

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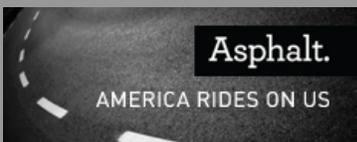
Pavement Alliance. A brief video about RAP as an overall sustainability strategy can be found [HERE](#).



A loader works a RAP stockpile that is ready for reuse.

CHOOSE ASPHALT

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.



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.

→ Smooth asphalt pavement at the heart of SB1 road-improvement campaign

We were pleased to see the ripple of criticism over slightly higher gas taxes in California -- the first adjustment since the 1990s -- has been met with a tidal wave of information about all the good the investments will bring for all Californians.

We were equally pleased to see that smooth asphalt pavements have become the symbol for justifying the new monies, estimated to cost the average motorist pennies on a fill-up but will generate more than \$5 billion a year to pay for fixing our neglected roads.

One of the graphics making the rounds on social media (pictured) features a logo for SB1, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017 that was passed earlier this year by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor. The graphic resembles a route shield, superimposed over a photo of an asphalt paving operation. That's just smart marketing because surveys show motorists recognize the importance of a smooth and safe ride.



Meanwhile, state and local governments continue to release lists of vital road-improvement projects that have been green-lighted because of the investments. All Californians will benefit in one way or another by this renewed commitment to protecting our state's infrastructure, as will future generations.

To learn more about SB1, click [HERE](#) to visit a special "Rebuild California" website devoted to the topic. To contact your elected officials and let them know what you think about these issues, click [HERE](#) to visit CalAPA's legislative action page.

→ Take our annual 'Better-Worse' survey

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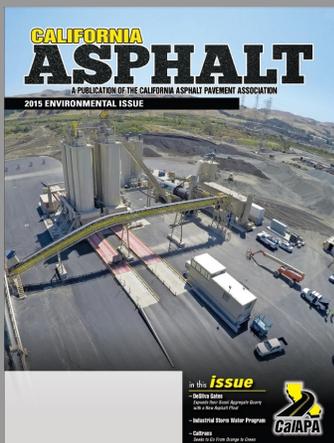
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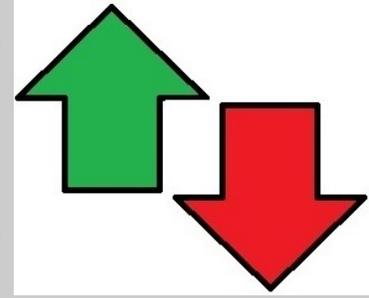


CalAPA produces a highly regarded magazine, *California Asphalt*, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#).

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It's that time of year again -- time to take our brief "Better-Worse" survey. Click [HERE](#) to tell us what you think.

The 1-minute survey, in its eighth year, asks a simple question: Do you think 2018 will be better or worse than 2017 for your company or organization? Last year we added an optional bonus question that has proven to be popular: What is the No. 1 challenge you face at work? You may add written comments if you wish.



The results from this non-scientific poll of our readership will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Asphalt Insider*, as well as in the annual forecast issue of the official CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*.

To read the newsletter story reporting the results from last year's survey, click [HERE](#). The 2017 forecast issue of *California Asphalt* magazine can be found on-line [HERE](#).

→ Thank you to our readers and followers!

Last week CalAPA surpassed 1,000 followers on our Twitter page, and our Facebook "likes" also topped 900. We thank all of those who have found our information useful and worthy of their time and attention, as well as for sharing it with others.

This newsletter also recently surpassed 2,600 subscribers, our magazine is ready by about 5,000 subscribers, and our website, [calapa.net](#), receives thousands of visitors a month. We thank our members for supporting the association so we can make valuable and relevant information so widely available.



To add yourself to our Twitter feed, click [HERE](#). To view and like our Facebook page, click [HERE](#). We also have a company page on LinkedIn [HERE](#), and a repository of technical presentations on our SlideShare page [HERE](#). Finally, we have compiled some historic and glam photos of asphalt on our Pinterest page [HERE](#).

→ Holiday hours

CalAPA offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT: A pavement composed of crushed rock or other aggregate cemented together with bitumen.

→ Quote of the Week

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."

Henry Ford

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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