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CALENDAR

(Always on-line [HERE](#))

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'Asphalt Pavement 101' training class
Thursday, Dec. 14, 8 a.m. to noon
City of San Leandro, 999 E. 14th St., San Leandro.
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044
Register [HERE](#).

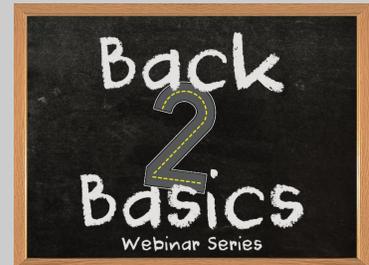
Greetings!

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.

→ NAPA 'Back to Basics' webinar on Dec. 6 to focus on maintenance, rehabilitation

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), a CalAPA partner, is offering a series of free educational webinars dubbed "Back to Basics." The webinar is free, but space is limited and advanced registration is required. Details and on-line registration information is [HERE](#).

The next webinar, scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST, will focus on Maintenance & Rehabilitation of asphalt pavements. The presenters will be Brett Williams, Director of Engineering and Technical Support, NAPA; and Dr. Andrew Braham, P.E., Associate Professor, College of Engineering, University of Arkansas.



The presenters will cover effective and economic strategies for pavement reservation and maintenance, focusing on deploying the right strategy at the right time. The webinar will explore the various options available. Attendees at the webinar will receive one professional development hour (PDH) for participating in the webinar.

Other "Back to Basics" webinars have included topics such as volumetrics, mix design, compaction, Quality Control/Quality Assurance and more. As new webinars are added, they will be listed [HERE](#).

→ CalAPA's 'Asphalt Pavement 101' class to be held Dec. 14 in San Leandro

CalAPA's highly-rated "Asphalt Pavement 101" class is coming to the East Bay. The City of San Leandro is hosting the class on Thursday, Dec. 14. Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to sign-up.

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.

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

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

For sponsorship information, contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044
Details soon!

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SAVE THE DATES!

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

For sponsorship and exhibitor information, contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044
Details soon!

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 an excellent refresher course for experienced hands 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 incorporated into Caltrans asphalt specifications. The cost of the class is just \$99 for CalAPA members and agency personnel who complete registration by Dec. 7, and \$119 for all others.

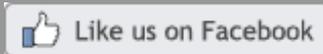


Roger Smith

"Asphalt Pavement 101" is a recommended prerequisite for other CalAPA technical classes, such as "Caltrans Section 39 Specifications," "The Job Mix Formula" and "Quality HMA Paving."

CalAPA can also bring classes to your location. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about how to schedule an "on-demand" class.

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→ Caltrans issues new construction bulletins on ADA compliance, pedestrian access routes

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) late Friday issued three new Construction bulletins covering Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance certifications, and temporary and permanent pedestrian access route inspections.

Construction Policy Bulletin 17-9, which was approved Dec. 1 but carries an effective date of Dec. 4, pertains to Section 4-73 "Concrete Curbs and Sidewalks" of the Caltrans Construction Standards, as well as Section 5-101B "Construction Forms."

The policy bulletin states that "prior to construction contact acceptance of contracts with new or altered pedestrian facilities, such as sidewalks, curb ramps, passageways, accessible driveways, and accessible parking, ADA construction compliance must be certified by the Resident Engineer." The bulletin directs Caltrans personnel to a new form, "CEM-5773." An electronic copy of the bulletin is [HERE](#).



The department also issued CPB 17-10, which states that new forms are intended to document that temporary pedestrian facilities on Caltrans construction projects are in compliance with ADA regulations. An electronic copy of the bulletin is [HERE](#).

In addition, the department published CPB 17-8 "Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes Standards" covering temporary pedestrian access routes for accommodating pedestrians in a work zone. View an electronic copy of the bulletin [HERE](#).

All Caltrans Construction Policy Bulletins can be found on-line [HERE](#). All Construction Procedure Directives are [HERE](#). Caltrans construction



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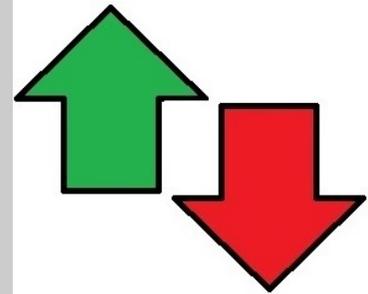
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forms are [HERE](#).

→ Last chance! Take our annual 'Better-Worse' survey

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*.

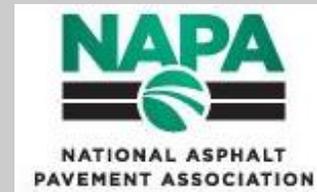
To read the newsletter story reporting the results from last year's survey, click [HERE](#). The 2017 forecast issue of *California Asphalt* magazine can be found on-line [HERE](#).

→ NAPA annual meeting returns to California; set for Feb. 11-14 in San Diego

The annual meeting of the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), a CalAPA partner, will be returning to California next year. The conference will be Feb. 11-14 at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register.

"We are pleased to be back in California," NAPA Vice President of Meetings & Education told *Asphalt Insider*. "We have a very ambitious program that should appeal to anyone in the asphalt industry."

Mike Murray with Vulcan Materials, a CalAPA Board Member, added: "It is very prestigious for our state to be the host for the 2018 NAPA Annual Meeting in San Diego.

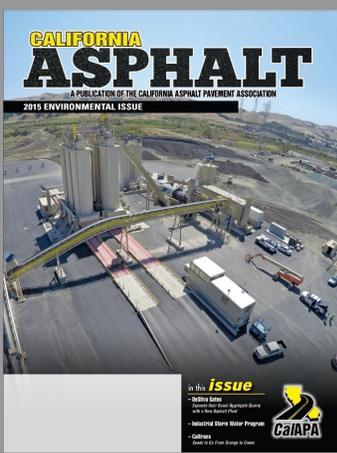


"Our state has shown leadership in transportation funding," Murray added, "and we should help spread the word to other states and the federal government that protecting and enhancing our vital transportation infrastructure is good for the economy, good for local jobs creation and good for our quality of life."

Don L. Daley Jr., president of California Commercial Asphalt and also a CalAPA board member, is a NAPA state director representing California.

The deadline to take advance of "early-bird" registration pricing is Dec. 21. To download a conference brochure, click [HERE](#). Questions may be directed to NAPA at: (888) 468-6499

It was also recently announced that registration is now open for the 2018 World of Asphalt Show & Conference will take place March 6-8 in Houston, Texas, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Early-bird



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→ Tech Term of the Week

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

SHOVING: Localized displacement of an HMA pavement surface, often caused by high shear stresses associated with vehicle acceleration to deceleration.

→ Quote of the Week

"Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your way."

Daniele Vare

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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