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Tuesday, Feb. 13, 8 a.m. to noon
National University, Rancho Cordova Campus, 10901 Gold Center Drive, Sacramento
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044

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.

➔ Brown administration releases \$131 billion state budget for 2018-19; transportation gets big boost due to passage of SB1

Gov. Jerry Brown, entering the last year of his record four terms as California's chief executive, released his proposed state budget for 2018-19 that includes a big boost in transportation funding brought about by the passage last year of SB1.

The proposed \$131 billion spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1 reflects the continuing strong performance of the California economy, which has resulted in higher tax revenue, the governor said. However, he cautioned that an inevitable economic downturn could pose problems for the state's ability to deliver services. "California has faced 10 recessions since World War II and we must prepare for the 11th," the governor said in his budget letter to the Legislature. "Yes, we have had some very good years and program spending has increased steadily. Let's not blow it now."

As recently as 2011, the state faced a \$27 billion deficit due to the "Great Recession," during which unemployment spiked and the state scrambled to meet its obligations. An improving economy, a voter-approved tax increases and other factors have put the state on a much more sound footing financially, although Brown continues to worry aloud about the state's pensions and other obligations. The governor's voter-endorsed "Rainy Day Fund" will grow to \$13.5 billion under his 2018-19 budget.



The spending plan reflects the first full year of new transportation funding brought about by the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017, or SB1, which was passed by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature last year and signed into law by Brown on April 29. It will generate about \$55 billion in new funding for transportation over 10 years, generated by a combination of vehicle registration fee hikes and the first increase in the state's fuel tax since 1994. The funds are split evenly between the state and local governments.

Among the highlights of the transportation budget:

- A focus on so-called "fix-it-first" investments to repair neighborhood roads, state highways and bridges (\$2.8 billion in new SB1 revenues). This is intended to reduce the backlog of poorly

Register [HERE](#).

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City of San Leandro, 999 E.
14th Street, South Offices
Building Conference Room,
San Leandro
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916)
791-5044
Register [HERE](#).

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LAST CHANCE!

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

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Details [HERE](#).

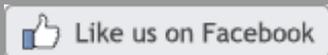
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Spring Asphalt Pavement
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April 25 & 26, 2018
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maintained roads that studies have shown cost the average California motorist more than \$700 per year in vehicle repairs and wasted fuel from driving on rough pavement. This is \$1.3 billion higher than the current year.

- Making key investments in trade and commute corridors to support continued economic growth and implement a sustainable freight strategy (\$556 million).
- Matching locally generated funds for high-priority transportation projects (\$200 million).

State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, chairman of the Transportation & Housing Committee and SB1 author, released the following statement reacting to the governor's budget as it relates to roads: "I support the fast implementation of projects funded by SB1. We are going to insist that the money be spent quickly to reduce the backlog of road repairs." Beall delivered much the same message when he spoke at the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference last October in Sacramento.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will have more than 19,500 employees, the budget notes, and a \$13.6 billion budget. The new budget calls for the hiring of an additional 400 maintenance personnel. SB1 called for Caltrans to identify \$100 million in cost-savings and efficiencies. The department is expected to release a report on those proposed efficiencies later this month at a meeting of the California Transportation Commission.

The governor's budget summary for transportation can be found [HERE](#). The detailed budget for transportation can be found [HERE](#).

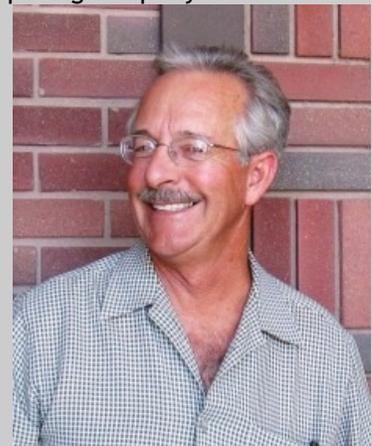
→ CalAPA 'Quality HMA Paving' classes to be held Feb. 13 in Sacramento area, Feb. 20 in the East Bay area of San Francisco

Registration is now open for two new offerings of CalAPA's highly-rated "Quality HMA Paving" class, which covers practical aspects and best practices of a successful paving operation. The class will be held Feb. 13 in Rancho Cordova (Sacramento area) and again on Feb. 20 in San Leandro in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The "Quality HMA Paving" class is ideal for field personnel or inspectors and focuses on the essential steps required to achieve a quality asphalt pavement project during construction. The interactive and fast-paced class is taught by Skip Brown, a longtime paving company owner who has personally supervised the placement of more than 4 million tons of asphalt on pavements and parking lots in California.

Although the class is just a half-day it is packed with useful information for contractor and agency paving crews, inspectors and others who want to know the key ingredients for a quality paving project that performs as intended. Pavement repairs also will be covered.

To learn more and to register for the Feb. 13 class in Rancho Cordova, click [HERE](#). For details and to register for the Feb. 20 class in San Leandro, click [HERE](#).



Skip Brown

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BACK ISSUES

Did you miss an issue of the *California Asphalt Insider*? No problem! Past editions of the

All attendees for any CalAPA class receive a handy reference booklet that includes copies of the slide presentation, key acronyms defined, a glossary of technical terminology and other essential information for future reference. Attendees 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. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

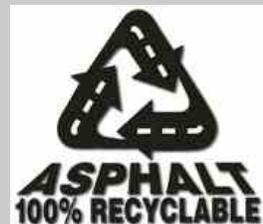


Skip Brown, standing, conducts a recent "Quality HMA Paving" class attended by industry and agency personnel.

→ Input sought for annual recycled materials and Warm Mix Asphalt utilization survey

The National Asphalt Pavement Association, a CalAPA partner, working in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, is seeking input from asphalt producers on its annual recycled materials and Warm Mix Asphalt utilization survey. Click [HERE](#) to take the short survey that covers the 2017 calendar year.

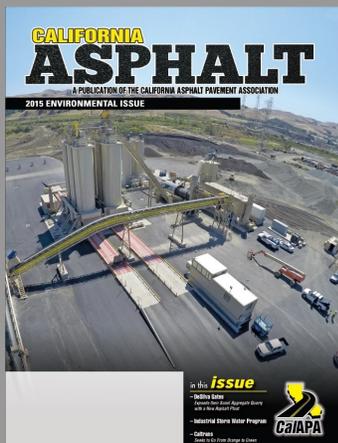
The 2016 Recycled Materials and WMA Survey results, released last fall, continue to show strong utilization of so-called "green" technologies and best practices nationwide, including the use of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP), Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) and Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA). Studies have shown the use of WMA reduces the temperature for producing asphalt, which can reduce fuel consumption and emissions, as well as serving as an aid to compaction. A previous *Asphalt Insider* story about last year's survey results is [HERE](#). CalAPA's authoritative examination of RAP utilization in California, which appeared last year in the association's official magazine, *California Asphalt*, is [HERE](#).



NAPA would like to have as many responses to the survey as possible by April 1. It is recommended that respondents download a printed version of the survey [HERE](#) to assist them in gathering the requested information prior to completing the survey.

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information provided is kept strictly confidential and only reported at the state-level if more than three producers in the state participate.

Questions about the survey may be directed to Brett Williams, NAPA's Director of Engineering & Technical Support, by phone at (301) 731-4748, ext.125, or via e-mail at: [bwilliams\(at\)asphaltpavement\(dot\)org](mailto:bwilliams@asphaltpavement.org)

Editor's Note: In the e-mail address above, the "@" symbol has been replaced with "(at)" and the "." symbol has been replaced by "(dot)" to deter SPAM software.

→ CalAPA Technical Advisory Committee members briefed on asphalt training program

CalAPA's Technical Advisory Committee of asphalt experts met last week in West Sacramento, and among the topics covered was an overview of the association's technical training program highlights for 2017 and plans for 2018.

Ritha Nhorn, CalAPA's technical training coordinator who is a junior engineering major at California State University, Sacramento, outlined how the program is connected to the association's strategic plan and educational mission. As a non-profit organization, a key goal of the association is to share valuable technical and practical information and best practices to the industry and public works agency personnel.



CalAPA's technical training coordinator, Ritha Nhorn (standing), provides an overview of the association's technical training program during last week's Technical Advisory Committee meeting in West Sacramento.

Last year CalAPA trained 450 people statewide with a customer satisfaction rating averaging about 98 percent. The classes held included the introductory "Asphalt Pavement 101," the field-paving focused "Quality HMA Paving," "Pavement Smoothness Essentials" and "Caltrans Section 39 Asphalt Pavement Specifications." Other classes are in the planning stages or are being contemplated.

Nearly 100 people have been trained so far in 2018.

The stand-alone classes were in addition to the many other technical knowledge-transfer activities of the association, such as two regional asphalt pavement conferences, local technical committee meetings and paving contractor meetings.

CalAPA's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), co-chaired by Tim Denlay of Knife River and Toni Carroll of Graniterock, provides guidance and recommendations to the Board of Directors on all technical-related matters and activities of the association. CalAPA member firms nominate representatives to serve on the TAC.

To learn more about CalAPA's technical training program, click [HERE](#), or contact Ritha Nhorn at (916) 791-5044. In addition to our regularly scheduled classes, information about hosting a training class at your facility can be found [HERE](#). This service is available to CalAPA member firms and public agencies only.

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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.

BIDDER INQUIRY: A process by which a bidder on a public works contract can make an inquiry of the project owner to clarify language or plans that are part of the bid documents.

→ Quote of the Week

"We may have all come on different ships, but we're all in the same boat now."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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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