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'Quality HMA Paving' training class
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 8 a.m. to noon

National University, Rancho Cordova Campus, 10901 Gold Center Drive, Sacramento
Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044
Register [HERE](#).

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'Quality HMA Paving' training class

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.

→ CalAPA annual 'Fly-In' to the State Capitol in Sacramento set for March 13-14

CalAPA members are encouraged to attend our annual "Fly-In" to the state Capitol in Sacramento, where members will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with elected officials and key legislative policy-shapers to discuss transportation funding and other issues of importance to the asphalt pavement industry in California. The official registration page for the event is [HERE](#).

This year's Fly-In is particularly important because of the historic passage last year of SB1, the 10-year, \$52 billion transportation improvement measure. It is imperative that our elected officials understand the critical need to get these funds converted to projects quickly so that Californians can see their tax dollars at work. In addition, there are many other bills and policy matters percolating at the State Capitol in Sacramento that may impact the asphalt pavement industry and merit our close attention and engagement.



CalAPA members meet with state Sen. Jim Beall, SB1 author, at a previous "Fly-In."

This year's Fly-In is scheduled for March 13-14 and advance registration is required. The event includes a lunchtime briefing, and all attendees will be provided with a comprehensive briefing package about current issues. An optional dinner on March 13 will give attendees an opportunity to interact with a key official in a relaxed setting.

State Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, author of SB1, told a CalAPA conference last year that the active engagement of many transportation stakeholders, including CalAPA members, was instrumental in helping get the bill passed.

For information on this year's Fly-In, contact Russell Snyder of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8 a.m. to noon

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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'Quality HMA Paving' training class (& optional lab tour)

Thursday, Feb. 22, 8 a.m. to noon

University of Nevada, Reno, 1664 N. Virginia St., Harry Reid Engineering Laboratory Building, Room 109-110, Reno, Nevada

Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916) 791-5044
Register [HERE](#).

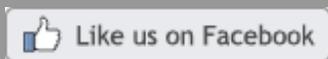
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CalAPA Legislative 'Fly-In' to the State Capitol in Sacramento
March 13-14
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SAVE THE DATES!
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Some of the attendees gather on the steps of the state Capitol at last year's CalAPA "Fly-in" to Sacramento.

→ New study shows addressing infrastructure in national parks, including roads, could support 16,500 jobs in California

An analysis commissioned by The Pew Charitable Trusts and prepared by Cadmus Group shows that investing in the maintenance of national parks could create or support more than 16,500 jobs here in California, and 110,169 jobs across the country.

The National Park Service (NPS) reports it has more than 42,000 assets across its 400-plus sites that have overdue infrastructure repairs and that fixing them will cost approximately \$11.3 billion (based on 2016 data). This deferred maintenance includes crumbling roads, deteriorating historic buildings, impassable trails, and outdated utility systems, all of which can negatively impact visitor access and safety, the protection of our nation's history, and local communities that depend on park visitation for economic survival.

In California alone, approximately \$1.7 billion is needed to address deferred maintenance repairs, including repairs to roads, bridges and other infrastructure systems. If an investment were made to fully address the deferred maintenance in each of the National Park units in our state, it could create or support 16,543 jobs.

"Our national parks are not only important places to visit-offering educational and recreation opportunities to visitors-they are proven economic drivers, playing host to more than 41 million visitors each year in California, adding nearly \$3 billion to our state economy," said Mike Herlax with Syar Industries of Napa, Calif., Immediate Past Chairman of CalAPA. "Infrastructure-related jobs help to ensure the longevity of parks in California, maintain a positive visitor experience, and benefit our local, regional, and state economies. This is essential to the quality of life we cherish here in California."



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Park rangers have had their hands tied because they have not received adequate and reliable congressional funding to make the necessary repairs at sites that are often decades old and are experiencing pressure from increased visitation. National parks help all Americans celebrate and commemorate our history, marvel at natural wonders, and enjoy a myriad of recreational activities. By investing in them, we will create or support jobs and ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy them.



A road in Yosemite National Park with Half Dome in the background.

A joint press release by CalAPA and the National Parks Construction Coalition highlighting the study can be found [HERE](#). To download a copy of the infrastructure study of the National Parks System commissioned by the Pew Charitable Trusts, click [HERE](#).

→ NAPA President Mike Acott announces retirement plans

Mike Acott, longtime president of the National Asphalt Pavement Association and a familiar name to the asphalt industry in California and around the world, has announced he plans to retire in early 2019.

In announcing the decision, Acott said, "It has been an honor to serve as NAPA's president for more than 25 years. Although driven by the challenges and opportunities facing our industry, it is the people in the asphalt industry that have made my tenure so very special for me."

The NAPA Executive Committee has established a succession planning group to oversee the search for a successor.

NAPA works in close coordination with the California Asphalt Pavement Association on numerous initiatives on behalf of the industry, including regulatory, legislative, engineering, research and market share preservation and enhancement.

In addition to leading NAPA, Acott has also served as the Chairman of the Global Asphalt Pavement Alliance, which includes the paving industry from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and Mexico. His

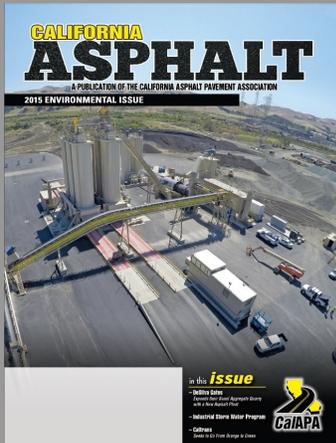


NAPA President Mike Acott delivers the keynote speech at the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Conference in Sacramento in 2013.

BACK ISSUES

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MAGAZINE



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career activities involve more than 30 years of experience in the pavement industry in Europe, South Africa, and the United States, including experience with aggregate and bitumen suppliers, and management of an asphalt construction company

He was named president of NAPA in 1992, and since then has helped develop partnerships with government agencies and unions that have resulted in an improved workplace environment. This has included successful national initiatives on engineering controls, warm mix, and best practices that have resulted in reduction in workplace exposure. Acott has authored and co-authored numerous peer-reviewed and non peer-reviewed publications and reports on various facets of asphalt pavement design, construction, and materials technology.

He has been active in the Transportation Research Board and is a former member of its Executive Committee and has also served as a Board member of the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT), based at Auburn University. He was presented with a lifetime achievement award at last year's NAPA Annual Meeting.

Acott was a keynote speaker at the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo in Sacramento in 2013, and at that event also presented officials with the California Department of Transportation with a special "Pavement Pioneer" award on behalf of the Asphalt Pavement Alliance for Caltrans' successful efforts to implement long-life (perpetual) asphalt pavement designs on state highways.

Don L. Daley Jr., president of California Commercial Asphalt and a longtime CalAPA Board Member, also serves as a state director for NAPA. Daley is a past recipient of a NAPA "Asphalt Ambassador" award for his support of the NAPA legislative program. He said Acott's leadership is recognized far and wide, and he will be missed.

"I have enjoyed working with Mike Acott over the years in areas of mutual interest," Daley said. "NAPA and CalAPA have worked closely on environmental regulations, engineering standards and legislative matters. In California, we benefited enormously from NAPA-led research on health and safety for our industry. Mike's leadership has been exemplary, has elevated the entire industry, and we wish him well in his retirement."

Jim Roberts, Chief Executive Officer of CalAPA-member company Granite Construction, who served as a past NAPA Chairman, said, "In his tenure at the helm of NAPA, Mike's hard work and dedication to the health and well-being of the HMA industry has been outstanding. The full extent of his tireless work behind the scenes will never be known."

A high-profile example of NAPA-CalAPA coordination occurred in 2016 when the two organizations, joined by the Asphalt Institute, teamed up to respond to a California Environmental Protection Agency scientific review of health impacts of asphalt. Building on many years of work done by NAPA and others on the international level, the state's Carcinogen identification Committee ultimately agreed with the



NAPA President Mike Acott, left, presents a "Pavement Pioneer" award to Tony Tavares of Caltrans in 2013 in recognition of the department's deployment of long-life (perpetual) asphalt pavement strategies.



The Caltrans-industry Joint Training & Certification Program (JTCP) for materials technicians is holding classes in Northern and Southern California. Click [HERE](#) to visit our JTCP resource page to learn more.

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industry recommendation that further examination of asphalt, based on numerous scientific, health and occupational safety studies, was a low priority and not warranted at this time.

Acott was featured in a lengthy interview in the 2017 Quality issue of *California Asphalt* magazine. A link to that article is [HERE](#).

"During my tenure as NAPA President I have appreciated the partnership, leadership, and support from NAPA members in California and from the California Asphalt Pavement Association," Acott told *California Asphalt Insider*. "I particularly want to thank Don Daley, your state director, and Russell Snyder, your Association leader -- we have worked together on numerous issues for the benefit of the asphalt pavement industry at the state and national level. Also, a big thanks to Jim Roberts of for his leadership as NAPA Chairman in 2006."

→ Transportation Secretary Kelly takes over as CEO of High-Speed Rail Authority

Brian Kelly, Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, was named the new Chief Executive Officer of the High-Speed Rail Authority, it was announced. He began his new job Feb. 1.

Kelly, the governor's top transportation official who was instrumental in helping win passage of last year's landmark road-repair bill, SB1, takes over a troubled project that has been dogged by delays and cost-overruns in its efforts to build a high-speed passenger train running up the spine of California. A press release announcing Kelly's new position is [HERE](#).

Kelly worked closely with many stakeholders, including the construction industry and CalAPA, in the negotiations leading up to the passage last year of the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017, which will generate more than \$52 billion over 10 years to help repair roads and other neglected transportation infrastructure around the state. The bill was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown last April 29, and has already stimulated millions of dollars worth of road work statewide.



CalSTA Secretary Brian Kelly speaks at the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Conference April 21, 2016 in Ontario.

Kelly was a keynote speaker at the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference on April 21, 2016 in Ontario, and was the subject of an exclusive Q&A in the 2016 forecast issue of CalAPA's *California Asphalt* magazine. That issue can be viewed on-line [HERE](#).

Brian Annis, who has served as undersecretary for transportation since 2013, was named acting transportation secretary.

→ Tech Term of the Week

Each week we highlight a word, acronym or other reference

commonly used in the asphalt pavement industry in California.

CBR (CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO): A measurement of the strength and support value of a crushed stone base or subgrade soil.

→ **Quote of the Week**

"The clearest way into the universe is through a forest wilderness."

John Muir

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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