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CalAPA Legislative 'Fly-In' to the State Capitol in Sacramento
March 13-14
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Asphalt Institute 'Principles of Quality Hot Mix Asphalt'

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.

→ Caltrans Director Dougherty resigns, is replaced by former regional chief Laurie Berman

Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty is resigning his position "to pursue other opportunities in the private sector," the department announced last week. Gov. Jerry Brown named longtime San Diego regional chief Laurie Berman as his replacement.

The governor also named Brian Annis as permanent secretary of the California State Transportation Agency, replacing Brian Kelly, who left to take over as head of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

The announcements represent the latest in a series of management changes at Caltrans as the department faces fresh scrutiny and oversight with the passage last year of SB1, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017 that will generate more than \$50 billion for transportation improvements over a decade.

SB1 includes additional oversight of Caltrans by the California Transportation Commission, and the creation of an Inspector General to ensure transportation dollars are being spent as intended. That is a central theme of a proposed ballot measure to repeal SB1 that is being promoted by political operatives seeking to boost conservative voter turnout in November.

Dougherty was named director of the department on May 9, 2012, after serving as an interim director since 2011. The original announcement of his appointment is [HERE](#). The appointment brought an element of stability to the position after a tumultuous period that followed the end of the administration of Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Will Kempton, an appointee of Schwarzenegger, left the department in



Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty (right) meets with Jeff Reed of George Reed Inc. (left) and CalAPA Technical Director Brandon Milar (center) earlier this month in Sacramento.

Pavement
Construction' April 2, 8
a.m. to 5 p.m.
Caltrans SRL, MPR Room 13,
13970 Victoria St., Fontana,
CA
Contact: (858) 288-4960
Details [HERE](#).

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Asphalt Institute 'Principles
of Quality Hot Mix Asphalt
Pavement Construction'
April 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
City of San Jose, Central
Service Yard, 1661
Senter Road, Building G, San
Jose, CA
Contact: (858) 288-4960
Details [HERE](#).

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Spring Asphalt Pavement
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April 25 & 26, 2018
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Asphalt is used on about 93
percent of paved roads in
California and across the U.S.

July of 2009, and a series of interim directors followed in rapid
succession: Randy Iwasaki, Cindy McKim and then Dougherty. Kempton
and Iwasaki left Caltrans for jobs at local agencies, and McKim retired.

In the Jan. 20 announcement, Berman said, "I am honored to have the
opportunity to lead an agency that has a major impact to those who
live, visit and do business in the state of California. Transportation plays
a vital role in the state's economy and livability for every Californian,
and I look forward to building on the great progress this department has
made over the last several years."

Berman has been serving as Caltrans Acting Chief Deputy Director since
October, replacing Kome Ajise. Berman has held several roles at
Caltrans over a 34-year career, including District Director in the San
Diego region where she oversaw the groundbreaking on the I-5 north
coast corridor project, the successful delivery of the State Route 125
public/private partnership project and improved mobility efforts along
the California-Mexico border.

"I am very confident that Laurie is the right person to lead Caltrans,"
Dougherty said in the
department press release.
"She's been instrumental in
delivering on the promise of
SB1 and will ensure a smooth
transition for our
hardworking staff and the
public."



**Caltrans Director Malcolm
Dougherty (seated) spoke at the
2013 CalAPA Fall Asphalt
Pavement Conference in
Sacramento. CalAPA Executive
Director Russell Snyder is at right.**

Few details were offered
about Dougherty's departure,
except that he was resigning
"to pursue other opportunities
in the private sector."

In an internal e-mail to
Caltrans employees, Dougherty said:
"It is with great difficulty that I send this message. After nearly 26
years with Caltrans and seven years as director, I will be leaving
Caltrans at the end of February to pursue other career opportunities. I
am very proud of the work that we all have accomplished during that
time and I am confident that you will continue to make great strides.
During my time here, I have worked on incredible projects, worked with
an outstanding group of people and have accomplished great things
with all of you. I would like to thank Governor Brown for the
opportunity to lead this remarkable agency and serve the people of
California. I look forward to watching you continue to excel." A video
message from Dougherty to Caltrans employees is [HERE](#).

→ Annual Forecast Issue of CalAPA's 'California Asphalt' magazine now on-line

The annual forecast issue of CalAPA's official magazine, *California
Asphalt*, is now available on-line. Click [HERE](#) to view the issue.

The issue features the UCLA Anderson economic forecast for the nation
and for California, with a special emphasis on construction. Other
featured reports are an in-depth look at CalAPA's exclusive "Better-
Worse" survey, the expected impact of SB1, and a profile of CalAPA
member R.J. Noble.

Printed copies of the magazine have been distributed to subscribers

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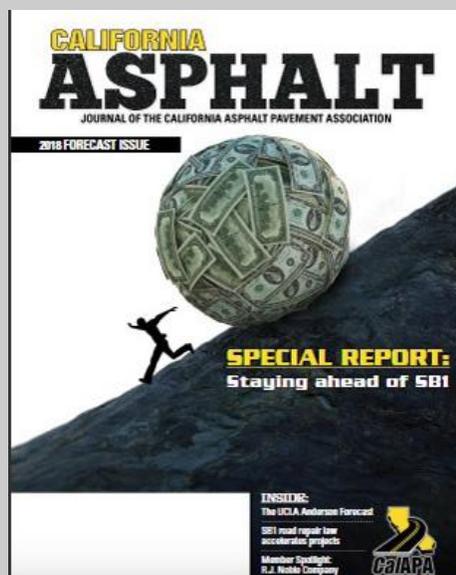
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→ One-day Asphalt Institute HMA seminars upcoming on April 2 in Fontana, April 5 San Jose

The Asphalt Institute, a CalAPA partner, has announced it will put on one-day seminars of its "Principles of Quality Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Construction" on April 2 in Fontana and April 5 in San Jose. Click [HERE](#) for details.

The workshop has been designed for engineers, inspectors, technicians and contractor personnel responsible for quality control of paving materials, mix designs and the inspection and operations of asphalt plants, and paving operations. Participants should include personnel from federal, state, county and local agencies, airport authorities, paving contractors, consulting engineers and testing laboratories. The workshop is geared for the technician level and as a basic refresher course for the practicing engineer.



The cost of the class is \$225, and all participants will receive a copy of the Asphalt Institute's authoritative MS-22 Construction manual, and a certificate of completion noting 7.5 hours of Professional Development Hours (PDH) earned.

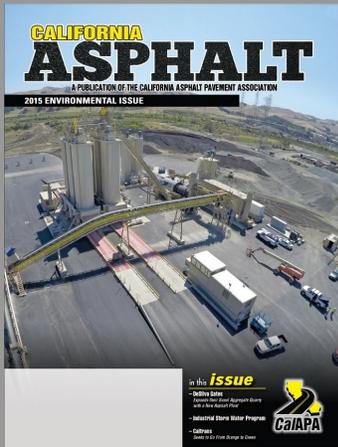
For details and to register for the April 2 class in Fontana, click [HERE](#). For details and to register for the April 5 class in San Jose, click [HERE](#). To download a flier about the classes in PDF format, click [HERE](#).

Questions about the classes should be directed to the Asphalt Institute at (858) 288-4960.

→ Job opportunity: Caliber Paving seeks applicants for asphalt sales and estimating position in Orange County

CalAPA member Caliber Paving is seeking qualified applicants for the position of asphalt sales and estimating in Orange County. Ideal candidates would benefit from experience in the asphalt and/or construction industry.

Essential duties include prospecting for new business, accurately completing plan take-offs, and estimating to prepare a bid package or



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written proposal, managing projects from close of sale to project completion, coordinating with operational staff, creating precise estimates and other essential duties.



For additional information or to submit a resume, contact Judith Herrera at Caliber Paving at (714) 556-0484, or via e-mail at: [jherrera\(at\)caliberpaving.com](mailto:jherrera@caliberpaving.com) . The company website can be found [HERE](#).

Note: the "@" symbol in the e-mail address above has been replaced by "(at)" to help deter spam software.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

RIDEABILITY: Ride quality of a pavement as perceived by its users or quantified by longitudinal profile.

→ Quote of the Week

"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it."

Albert Einstein

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Sincerely,

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