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CalAPA Legislative 'Fly-In' to the State Capitol in Sacramento
March 13-14
Register [HERE](#).
Contact: Russell Snyder (916) 791-5044

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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, industry discuss proposed 2018 Reference Sample Program work plan changes and RHMA-G

As part of an on-going, collaborative effort to design and build high-quality asphalt pavements, industry and Caltrans representatives have identified issues with the testing of Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt-Gap Graded (RHMA-G) mixes.

The joint industry-agency Rock Products Committee (RPC), recently renamed the Pavement & Materials Partnering Committee (PMPC), has several outstanding items for resolution related to RHMA-G.

In an effort to gather data for a partnered resolution, Paul Curren, a consultant for Caltrans Materials and Engineering Testing Services (METS), met last Thursday with representatives of the CalAPA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Curren, a noted expert on asphalt standards and testing who has taught Caltrans Section 39 asphalt specification classes statewide, provided an overview of the upcoming work plan for the 2018 Reference Sample program (RSP) and an optional Round-Robin testing plan.

Caltrans requires [Independent Assurance Program](#) (IA)-accredited labs to monitor and improve their capabilities through the participation in the RSP. In an effort to understand the variability in testing of RHMA-G, Caltrans METS drafted a proposal that includes the 2018 RSP and a Round-Robin testing Plan and presented it to industry for discussion and refinement.

The 2018 RSP as proposed will include the testing of plant produced 1/2" and 3/4" RHMA-G mixes with a focus on the Hamburg Wheel Tracking Test (AASHTO T324). The plan is to collect and distribute mix samples to the 26 IA-accredited labs for T324 in April. The labs will test the material and report their results. A report on the lab comparisons, along with a database of information, will be available for distribution in mid-summer.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, Caltrans and



Processed crumb rubber ready for use in asphalt pavement mixes.



Samples from a Hamburg Wheel Track test.

Asphalt Institute 'Principles of Quality Hot Mix Asphalt 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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SAVE THE DATE!

Southern California

Contractor Mixer

Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.

JT Schmid's Restaurant and Brewery

(across from the Honda Center), 2610 E. Katella Ave., Anaheim
Details soon!

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SAVE THE DATES!

Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo

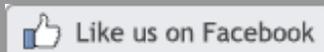
April 25 & 26, 2018

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You at (916) 791-5044
Details soon!

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industry will utilize the testing data to refine the Round-Robin testing plan and possibly modify existing sampling, sample-reducing, and/or testing procedures to understand/reduce variability.

"CalAPA supports Caltrans' effort to utilize the RSP to gather data on RHMA-G testing and looks forward to working with Caltrans to refine and support the optional Round-Robin Testing Plan," said Brandon Milar, P.E., Director of Technical Services for CalAPA.

For more information on this program, please contact Milar at CalAPA at (916) 791-5044. Milar will provide an update at the next meeting of the CalAPA Technical Advisory Committee, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 8 at 9 a.m. at CalAPA offices in West Sacramento and via web-conference call.

For additional background, a previous *Asphalt Insider* article about rubber pavements in California, published April 4, 2016, is [HERE](#).

→ **Member news: Graniterock contest wants to reward 'your crew'**

The name of the this contest almost needs no further explanation: "Take You and Your Crew to Opening Day." OK, maybe a bit more explanation.

CalAPA member Graniterock, based in Watsonville, has announced their annual contest to send a lucky group to Opening Day of the San Francisco Giants 2018 baseball season at AT&T Park. The company says the contest is just one small token of appreciation to its customers, vendors, subcontractors, suppliers and community members.

If the home park for the Giants is not the most beautiful in the majors, it certainly is in the conversation. Perched at the edge of San Francisco Bay, the stadium has borne witness to world championships, improbable plays, crazy caroms off the right field wall, and epic home runs that splash into "McCovey Cove." Opening Day of the Major League Baseball season is a grand American tradition, where every team is tied for first place and has visions of hoisting a world championship trophy come October.



This year's first pitch at AT&T Park is April 3 at 1:35 p.m. The deadline to register for the Graniterock contest is March 27. Click [HERE](#) for all the details.

→ **Sign-up now for CalAPA annual 'Fly-in' March 13-14 in Sacramento**

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](#).

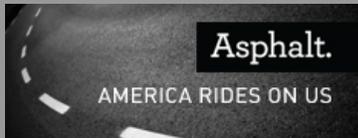
This year's Fly-In is particularly important because of the historic passage last year of SB1, the 10-year, \$52 billion transportation improvement measure. It is imperative that our elected officials understand the critical need to get these funds converted to projects



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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 the asphalt industry's close attention and engagement.

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 member of the Legislature in a relaxed setting.



CalAPA 2018 PAC Chair Brian Handshoe with Kenco Engineering (left) and 2017 PAC Chair Len Nawrocki with Valero (right) chat with Assemblyman Jim Frazier at a previous CalAPA "Fly-in."

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 his bill passed.

For information on this year's Fly-In, visit the event web page [HERE](#), or contact Russell Snyder of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044. A previous *Asphalt Insider* story about last year's Fly-in can be found [HERE](#). More pictures from last year's Fly-in can be found on CalAPA's Facebook Page [HERE](#). If you can't make it, but still want to take action, click [HERE](#) to visit CalAPA's Legislative Action page for tools and updated information to communicate to your elected officials on the need to support SB1 and other transportation infrastructure protection measures.



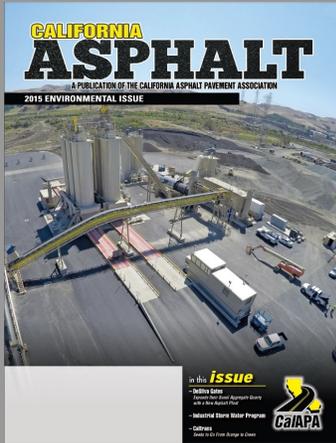
State Sen. Richard Roth (standing at left) meets with the CalAPA delegation at last year's "Fly-in" to the state Capitol in Sacramento.

➔ On-road enforcement seminar set for March

BACK ISSUES

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MAGAZINE



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20 in Sacramento

The California Construction & Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA) will hold an on-road enforcement seminar on Tuesday, March 20 in Sacramento. The member-discount price of \$50 for CalCIMA members has also been extended to CalAPA members (contact CalCIMA for special registration code). Details on the event can be found [HERE](#).

The information-packed seminar covers pretty much everything new or significant for fleet operators and others who must move construction materials around the region and the state. Scheduled presenters will be from the California Highway Patrol, U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, California Air Resources Board and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District.



The seminar will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes lunch. The location is 1029 J Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento. Seating is limited so early registration is strongly recommended. CalAPA members who want to receive the member discount to register for this event are asked to contact Courtney Orozco of CalCIMA at (916) 554-1000, ext. 104, and request a special code and login instructions to be used during the on-line registration process. She can be reached via e-mail at: [corozco\(at\)calcima\(dot\)org](mailto:corozco(at)calcima(dot)org).

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

→ Welcome aboard: California Filtration Specialists

CalAPA is pleased to welcome its newest supplier member, California Filtration Specialists.

California Filtration Specialists (CFS) was founded by heavy civil construction managers and storm-water compliance professionals. Based out of San Diego, CFS is the exclusive distributor of ACE Fiber. ACE Fiber is an aramid fiber technology for asphalt that is designed to extend pavement service life by increasing the asphalt's resistance to cracking and rutting. The asphalt's increased resistance to deformation is the intended result of the aramid fibers' uniform, three-dimensional reinforcement.



California Filtration Specialists is a certified Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) For more information about California Filtration Specialists, click [HERE](#) to visit the company website, or contact Kevin Rettig, at 858-386-8048.

→ Tech Term of the Week



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

PAVEMENT PRESERVATION: The sum of all activities undertaken to provide, maintain and extend the life of roadways. This includes corrective, routine and preventive maintenance to keep the roadway in a safe and usable condition and delay the need for rehabilitation.

→ Quote of the Week

"A goal properly set is halfway reached."

Zig Ziglar

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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