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CALENDAR

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Asphalt Institute 'Principles of Quality Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Construction' April 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

→ Registration open for Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Expo April 25-26 in Ontario; New CTC Commissioner to speak

Registration is now open for the sixth annual CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, which will be held April 25-26 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register.

The must-attend event will be attended by hundreds of industry and agency representatives and feature an impressive lineup of speakers, who will delve into technical aspects of asphalt pavements and important policy matters.

Transportation funding will also be a hot topic of discussion at the conference, which will feature speakers who will provide insight from different points of view, including keynote speaker Fran Inman, new chairwoman of the California Transportation Commission. A noted authority on goods-movement and infrastructure, she will discuss the historic passage of the 2017 Road Repair & Accountability Act and what it means for state and local transportation programs.

Other topics that will be featured at the conference include pavement smoothness, mix design, "Greenbook" specifications, porous asphalt, pavement construction best practices, Warm Mix

Asphalt, environmental issues and more. The conference website [HERE](#) has additional information and an on-line registration page. A detailed timed agenda of speakers and topics will be posted on the website soon.



CTC Chair Fran Inman

The two-day conference also will feature dozens of booths from exhibitors, and an outdoor equipment area where manufacturers and distributors will have the latest equipment on display. Display space is limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Click [HERE](#) for exhibitor and sponsor information, or contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for details.

The conference begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, and wraps up at noon on Thursday, April 26 at the Doubletree, 222 N. Vineyard Ave.

Caltrans SRL, MP 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

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

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REGISTRATION OPEN!

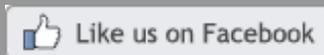
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Vineyard Ave., Ontario.

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in Ontario. Also back this year is a popular networking reception the evening of April 25, which is free for all attendees who RSVP. Information on discounted lodging rates at the Doubletree is accessible on the website. A limited number of rooms are available at the special rate for conference attendees, so early room reservation is recommended.

Back by popular demand this year is an optional on-site "Asphalt Pavement 101" class April 25 from 8 a.m. to noon, immediately before the conference at the same venue, taught by former Caltrans senior materials engineer Roger Smith. All class attendees will receive a handy reference book, and handsome certificate of completion. Food is included.

For a list of exhibitors and sponsors from last year's Spring Conference, click [HERE](#). Photos from last year's Spring Conference are posted on our Facebook page [HERE](#).



Attendees at the Expo area of last year's Spring Conference reception in Ontario. Pictured, left to right: Roger Schlierkamp with GMU Geotechnical, Eric Updyke, LADPW, Don Matthews, PRS, Matthew Conarro, Western Emulsions, Inc., Marco Estrada, PRS, and Amir Ghavibazoo with Twining.

→ Tim Greutert accepts temporary assignment to head up Caltrans Office of Asphalt Pavements

Tim Gruetert, who spearheaded the implementation of the landmark Joint Training & Certification Program, has accepted an interim position as Chief of the Caltrans Office of Asphalt Pavements, *Asphalt Insider* has learned.

"I am pleased to announce that effective Monday, March 12, 2108, Timothy Greutert will be filling the Office of Asphalt Pavements Chief position until the process of filling the vacancy permanently is completed," Acting State Pavement Engineer Mark Suchanek said in an internal Caltrans e-mail sent out late Friday afternoon and obtained by *Asphalt Insider*.

Greutert is a well-known name to the asphalt pavement industry, heading up the Caltrans Office of Roadway Materials Testing within the Materials & Engineering Testing

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Are you an engineer, designer or technical professional who makes decisions on pavement type selection? The DriveAsphalt website has technical reports and other resources may be just what you're looking for. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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BACK ISSUES

Services (METS) Division at Translab.

Under his leadership, the Joint Training & Certification Program for technicians, championed by former State Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly among others, catapulted off the drawing board and into the classroom. A joint effort of Caltrans and California State University, Long Beach, and long endorsed by the construction industry, the program held its first-ever classes earlier this year in Long Beach and on the campus of California State University, San Jose. A previous *Asphalt Insider* article about the program is [HERE](#).



Tim Greutert

Greutert and his boss, METS Chief Dan Speer, also forged ahead recently with a proposal for a Reference Sample Program for Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt-Gap Graded Mixes (RHMA-G), which has been welcomed by industry as a sound, fact-seeking process to better understand test variability. A story about that proposal was featured in last week's *Asphalt Insider*, which can be viewed [HERE](#).

Greutert, who often says his name rhymes with "dry dirt," was appointed as Chief of the Office of Roadway Materials Testing in METS July 1, 2015. At the time of his promotion, then-State Materials Engineer Phil Stolarski offered the following memorable observation to *Asphalt Insider*:

"Tim has shown that he is capable of effectively managing change and partnering with internal and external stakeholders to address Department challenges. We don't live in an ideal world, but I have come to rely on Tim to provide leadership in strategizing, planning, execution and verification practices in our ever-changing environment. With humor and insight, Tim maintains a great attitude and cultivates healthy relationships that I expect will result in continuous improvement of the quality of our services at Caltrans."



Tim Greutert, right, spoke at last year's CalAPA Spring Conference in Ontario about the Joint Training & Certification Program as Dr. Shadi Saadeh with California State University, Long Beach, looks on.

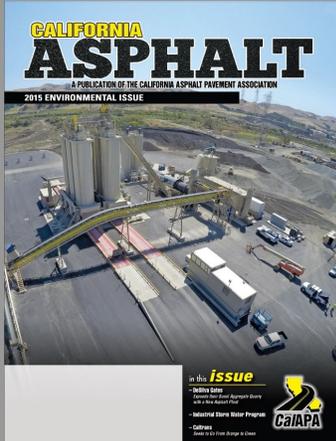
Greutert steps into the Office of Asphalt Pavements position at a critical time, with many changes occurring in Caltrans executive management, and an overhaul looming of how the department conducts specification development and integrates industry input. Meanwhile, the deployment of billions of dollars of SB1 transportation funding is facing intense media and legislative scrutiny.

Greutert replaces Sri Balasubramanian, who moved over to a position in the Division of Traffic. Greutert's temporary assignment is expected to be for about three months, until the recruitment and hiring process of a permanent replacement is completed.

→ Industry participation sought in annual

Did you miss an issue of the *California Asphalt Insider*? No problem! Past editions of the newsletter are available at the CalAPA newsletter [archive page](#).

MAGAZINE



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NAPA-FHWA survey of RAP, RAS, WMA utilization

The National Asphalt Pavement Association, working in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, is encouraging asphalt producers to participate in its confidential national survey intended to determine the amount of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA) and recycled materials are being produced and used in each state. The deadline to participate in the survey is April 1. Details are [HERE](#).

Since the 2009-10 construction season, NAPA has conducted a national survey to quantify the amount of reclaimed RAP, RAS and WMA used by the asphalt industry. The data is used to inform industry and agency discussions about reuse, sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions.



A loader works a RAP stockpile.

NAPA says the 2017 Recycled Materials and Warm Mix Survey has reached about half of the response goal for the 2017 construction season. To successfully report state-level data, NAPA says it needs a minimum of three companies from each state to respond to the survey. For more information, contact Brett Williams, NAPA's Director of Engineering & Technical Support, at (301) 731-4748.

A previous *Asphalt Insider* story about last year's RAP, RAS and WMA survey results, click [HERE](#). CalAPA's in-depth examination of RAP utilization in California, which was featured in the 2017 Quality issue of the CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*, can be found [HERE](#).

→ Save the Date: Southern California Contractor Mixer to be held April 10 in Anaheim

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee has announced it will hold another of its popular networking events on Tuesday, April 10 in Anaheim. Registration for the event will officially open next week.

CalAPA paving contractor events are a great way to reconnect with friends and colleagues, make new relationships, and have a great time in the process.

The CalAPA March Mixer, organized by the Southern California Paving Contractor community, will take place at the JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery, 2610 E. Katella Ave. (across from the Honda Center), from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. This popular craft brewpub is a happening place to relax and enjoy the company of friends, delicious food and distinctive beverages. A special area will be reserved for CalAPA members.

Admission to the mixer includes a fabulous selection of appetizers and two drink tickets. Space is limited and advanced registration is required for this CalAPA member-only event. An announcement on the opening of registration for the event will be featured in next week's *Asphalt Insider* newsletter. For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044, or Committee Chair Steve Cota of Patriot Risk &



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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Insurance at (949) 486-7947.



It was all smiles at a CalAPA Southern California Paving Mixer event held last year in Anaheim.

→ Reception set March 29 to mark retirement of Erik Updyke of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

A reception will be held on Thursday, March 29 to pay tribute to a stalwart of the public works community California, Erik Updyke of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

A longtime mentor to many who have worked in local and state public works, as well as a noted leader for the development of the "Green Book" of local government specifications, Updyke has announced he will be retiring from county service.

The event will take place starting at 5:15 p.m. at 38 Degrees Ale House & Grill, 100 W. Main Street (near the corner of Main & First) in Alhambra.

Those planning on attending are asked to RSVP to Nandini Moran at [ntmoran\(at\)dpw\(dot\)la county\(dot\)gov](mailto:ntmoran(at)dpw(dot)la county(dot)gov).



Erik Updyke

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.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

PERVIOUS: A bed or stratum of material through which water will move under ordinary hydrostatic pressure.

→ Quote of the Week

"The difference between successful people and others is how long they spend time feeling sorry for themselves."

Barbara Corcoran

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

California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA)



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