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Asphalt Institute 'Principles of Quality Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Construction' April 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Caltrans SRL, MPR Room 13,

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 members walk the halls at the Capitol to tout SB1, accountability

CalAPA members marched up and down the halls of the state Capitol in Sacramento last week, touting the benefits of SB1 and a commitment to getting road improvement projects completed quickly.

The association's annual "Fly-in" to the Capitol, held March 13-14, featured a mostly upbeat assessment of the prospects for fixing California's crumbling roads and bridges after years of under-investment and neglect.

The meetings were in stark contrast to last year, when the fate of a comprehensive transportation improvement bill in the Legislature was very much in doubt. After a flurry of activity, the Legislature passed, and the governor signed into law SB1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 that is projected to generate more than \$50 billion over 10 years to improve transportation, with most of the funds devoted to improving pavements on state and local roads. The bill included the first increase in the state's fuel taxes since 1994.

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Brian Handshoe with Kenco Engineering (right) makes a point to state Sen. Andy Vidak, R-Hanford at last week's CalAPA Legislative "Fly-in" to Sacramento.

CalAPA members returned to the Capitol to thank those legislators who voted for the bill, chide those who didn't, and outline how all Californians will benefit from the road work that is already taking place across the state as a result of SB1.

State Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, a member of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, noted that "nothing was done in a vacuum" with regard to SB1. "We conducted polls. People wanted their roads fixed."

Several other lawmakers, including state Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, author of SB1, delighted in brandishing the special SB1 "Fixing YOUR Roads" bumper stickers CalAPA produced and has been distributing statewide.

CalAPA members also took

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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
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Details [HERE](#).

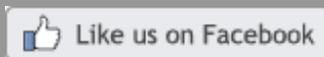
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SIGN UP NOW!
Southern California Contractor Mixer
Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.
JT Schmid's Restaurant and Brewery
(across from the Honda Center), 2610 E. Katella Ave., Anaheim
Details [HERE](#).

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REGISTRATION OPEN!
Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo
April 25 & 26, 2018
Doubletree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario.
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note of the contributions by Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Oakley, Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, who was the Assembly floor manager last year for SB1, and also authored ACA5, which contains tough new protections for transportation dollars to prevent them from being used for other purposes. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will go before voters in June in the form of Proposition 69. Information on Proposition 69 can be found [HERE](#).



Mike Murray with Vulcan Materials (left), 2018 CalAPA Chairman, meets with Assemblyman Adrian Nazarian, D-North Hollywood (second from right), last week at the Capitol.

Another goal of the Fly-in by CalAPA members, as well as other transportation backers, was to dispel bogus claims by SB1 critics. The Fix Our Roads coalition, which includes CalAPA and a broad array of stakeholders, has produced several SB1 fact sheets that dispel the myths being pushed by critics. They can be viewed [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

To view more photos from the 2018 CalAPA legislative "Fly-in," click [HERE](#) to visit CalAPA's Facebook page. CalAPA's Legislative Action page of information and resources can be found [HERE](#).



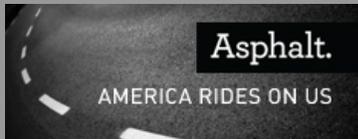
Part of the CalAPA delegation poses with state Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, who is holding a CalAPA "SB1 -- Fixing YOUR Roads" bumper sticker. Beall is author of SB1, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017. Pictured, from left: Steve Ward, Pavement Recycling Systems, Brian Handshoe, Kenco Engineering, Scott Dmytrow, Telfer Pavement Technologies, Beall, Jim Ryan, Alon Asphalt/Delek US, and Mike Herlax, Syar Industries, immediate past chairman of CalAPA.

→ Program set 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-

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BACK ISSUES

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26 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register. A timed agenda of topics and speakers is [HERE](#).

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 is [HERE](#).



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.

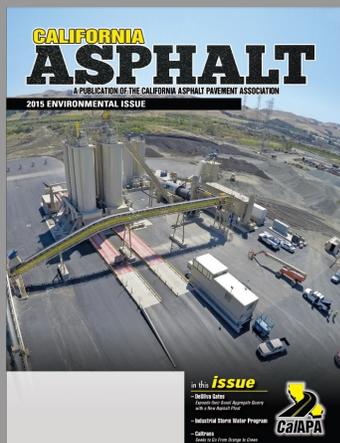
The conference begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, and wraps up at noon on Thursday, April 26 at the Doubletree, 222 N. Vineyard Ave. in Ontario. Also back this year is a popular networking reception the evening of April 25, which is free for all attendees who RSVP. Information on discounted lodging 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](#).

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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.

→ 'Speed of construction' focus of CalAPA presentation at annual AAPT meeting in FLA

CalAPA's Director of Technical Services, Brandon Milar, highlighted innovative practices that help speed up road construction in California without sacrificing quality at the 93rd annual meeting of the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists (AAPT) held in Jacksonville, Fla.

Providing a California perspective, Milar focused on how good communication, collaboration and a commitment to innovation between the contractor and agency personnel can result in streamlining and getting them to completion quickly without compromising safety or quality.

"I'm sure if all of you look at a successful project that you were involved in, or an unsuccessful project, a project with a lot of challenges, I'm sure you're going to be able to find out that communication has had a lot to do with that," Milar told the audience at the outset of the Sunday technical presentation.



A video of his technical talk can be found [HERE](#).

The presentation, which was broadcast live via Twitter, has received positive notices, including from Pascal Mascarenhas with Vulcan Materials, who wrote in to

CalAPA: "Just listened to our own Brandon Milar present at the 'Leading Edge Workshop.' Yes, on a Sunday afternoon and very well attended!

Image captured from the live broadcast of CalAPA Technical Director Brandon Milar's presentation Sunday to the 93rd annual meeting of the Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists in Florida that was also broadcast live on via internet.



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"Brandon represented the state very well," Mascarenhas added. "Phenomenal information presented that paints a great picture of California and beautiful, functional asphalt pavements. Very proud of Brandon!" Sources tell *Asphalt Insider* that Milar's mom also viewed the broadcast and was favorably impressed.

For more information and to view the technical programs and other videos that are part of the March 18-21 AAPT program, click [HERE](#). Part of CalAPA's mission is to widely share valuable technical information about asphalt pavement design, construction and maintenance, including via partner entities, such as the AAPT.

→ Funeral services set March 26 for Caltrans District 7 Materials Engineer Kirsten Stahl

Funeral services are set to take place March 26 for Kirsten Stahl, a longtime Caltrans District 7 Materials Engineer, who died earlier this month.

Stahl was well-known in the asphalt industry and had attended CalAPA pavement conferences and numerous other technical meetings. A 40-year veteran of the department, she was the daughter of Caltrans employees. Her mother, Marilyn Jorgenson Reece, a Senior Transportation Engineer, was said to be the first female registered engineer in the State of California. Her father, Alvin, was a Caltrans engineer before moving on to the County of Los Angeles.



Kirsten Stahl

"As well as being an innovator, Kirsten was also a helpful mentor," said Jerrel Kam, Caltrans District 7 Deputy District Director Design, in a note to Caltrans employees. "In addition to providing countless structural section recommendations to project engineers, she also provided guidance and training on pavement construction practices which helped the District's engineers prepare stage construction plans and working day schedules."

A funeral service will be held for her on Monday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, 621 W. Adams Blvd., in Los Angeles. A reception will be held immediately afterward at the Caltrans District 7 Office building, in the First Floor Conference Room, 100 S. Main Street in Los Angeles. She was preceded in death in 2016 by her husband, Stewart, another longtime transportation engineer.

→ Registration open: Southern California Contractor Mixer April 10 in Anaheim

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee is planning another of its popular networking events on Tuesday, April 10 in Anaheim. Registration is now open. Details and the sign-up page can be found [HERE](#).

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. To sign up, click [HERE](#). For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044, or Committee Chair Steve Cota of Patriot Risk & Insurance at (949) 486-7947.



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

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

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→ Quote of the Week

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

Stephen Hawking

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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