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(Always on-line [HERE](#))

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'Asphalt Pavement 101' class
Wednesday, April 24, 8 a.m.
to noon
University of Phoenix, 9665
Granite Ridge Drive, Room

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.

→ Paving contractors attend Anaheim mixer as 2018 paving season ramps up

Gearing up for what is expected to be a busy paving season in 2018, the CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee took time out to gather for a relaxing industry mixer last week in Anaheim.

The April 10 event at JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery came as, weather permitting, the 2018 paving season is expected to see a flurry of public and private work on roads and parking lots in California.

In anticipation, CalAPA has beefed up its website to add a parking lot resources page [HERE](#), and the current "Private Construction" issue of the association's magazine, *California Asphalt*, features a handy parking lot guide that will soon be distributed in pocket form at CalAPA training classes and at the upcoming Spring Conference in Ontario. View the issue [HERE](#). The conference also features concurrent sessions and an outdoor equipment display geared toward paving contractors. Details about the conference are [HERE](#).

To view more photos from the Anaheim mixer, click [HERE](#) to visit CalAPA's Facebook Page.



Coming soon to a pocket near you: CalAPA's new "Construction Checklist for Asphalt Parking Lots."

314, San Diego
Register [HERE](#).

Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916)
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REGISTER NOW!

Spring Asphalt Pavement
Conference & Equipment
Expo

April 25 & 26, 2018

Doubletree Hotel, 222 N.
Vineyard Ave., Ontario.

For sponsorship and exhibitor
information, contact Sophie
You at (916) 791-5044

Details [HERE!](#)

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'Asphalt Pavement 101'
class

Tuesday, April 8, 8 a.m. to
noon

City of West Sacramento City
Hall, First Floor Galleria, 1110
West Capitol Ave., West
Sacramento.

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Sign-up [HERE](#).

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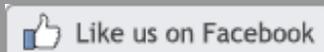
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Transportation Construction
Coalition "Fly-in" to the U.S.
Capitol in Washington, D.C.

May 15-16, 2018

Details [HERE](#).

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From left, Chris Barry, Beach Paving, Bryan Sonderby, ICM PCG, Robert Jarvis, Century Paving, Mike Hinson, Roadtec and Ken Hammond, Coastline Equipment attend the April 10 CalAPA Contractors Spring Mixer at JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery in Anaheim.

→ Seats going fast for CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Expo April 25-26 in Ontario

The CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo is right around the corner, and so is your opportunity to learn something new, reconnect with colleagues and make new connections.

The industry event is also popular with agency personnel, who have found it an efficient way to get the latest information and swap pavement best practices. The two-day conference will take place at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line. A timed agenda of topics, concurrent sessions and speakers is [HERE](#).



The CalAPA Spring Conference is a popular way for industry and agency personnel to get the latest information in a relaxed setting.

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.

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](#).

Asphalt is used on about 93 percent of paved roads in California and across the U.S. Why? Because it's smooth, quiet, safe, durable and 100 percent recyclable. Visit the [Asphalt Pavement Alliance](#) website learn more about why asphalt is the right choice now more than ever.



GET TECHNICAL

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

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](#).

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](#).



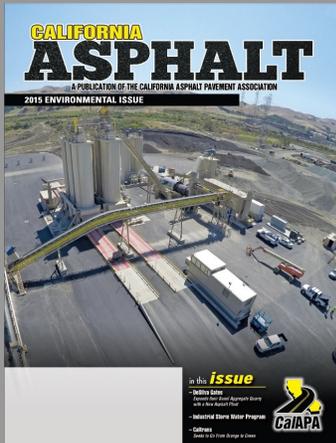
The outdoor displays of the latest equipment are a popular feature of the annual CalAPA Spring Conference & Equipment Expo in Ontario.

→ Just added: 'Asphalt Pavement 101' class May 8 in West Sacramento

CalAPA has just added another offering of its popular "Asphalt Pavement 101" class in Northern California. The new half-day class will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 8 at the City of West Sacramento, City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue in West Sacramento. Click [HERE](#) for details or to register on-line.

The "Asphalt Pavement 101" class is a good overview of everything asphalt, touching on how asphalt pavements are designed, constructed and maintained. It is taught by Roger Smith, a former senior materials engineer with Caltrans and the Asphalt Institute, as well

MAGAZINE



CalAPA produces a highly regarded magazine, *California Asphalt*, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#).

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as a former executive director of CalAPA.

Although the class is just a half-day it is packed with loads of useful information for contractor and agency paving crews, quality control specialists, lab personnel and others who interact with asphalt pavements.

The class will cover pavement structure and terminologies, asphalt binders, aggregates, asphalt mixes, plant operations and mix delivery, paving and rolling, acceptance specifications and testing.

Because so much is changing in the world of asphalt pavements, the class is an excellent refresher course for veterans in the industry as well as providing a good overview for those new or just returning to asphalt pavements. The class has been updated to add a summary of "Superpave"-inspired elements recently added to Caltrans asphalt specifications.

"Asphalt Pavement 101" is a recommended prerequisite for other CalAPA technical classes, such as "Caltrans Section 39 Specifications," "Essentials of Pavement Smoothness," "Understanding the Job Mix Formula" and "Quality HMA Paving."

All class attendees will receive a handy reference booklet that includes copies of the slide presentation, key acronyms, glossary and other essential information for future reference. Attendees will also receive a handsome certificate of completion documenting that they have completed four (4) Professional Development Hours (PDH) of technical instruction.

CalAPA can also bring training classes to your company or agency, which can greatly reduce travel time and expense. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



Roger Smith (center) chats with attendees at a recent class held in Northern California.

→ Industry news: Former U.S. Transportation Secretary Peters joins Graniterock board

Former U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters has joined the Board of Directors at Graniterock, the company announced.

She was elected March 23 at the company's annual shareholder's meeting. The nine-member board governs the 118-year-old construction and materials company that is based in Watsonville.

"We are delighted to have someone with Mary's knowledge, skills and experience on transportation issues join Graniterock's board," Graniterock Chairman Mark Kaminski said. "Mary has a long-standing reputation for leading innovation in our industry. As we look to expand Graniterock's role in the improvement of California's infrastructure, Mary's insight and leadership will be a tremendous asset."

An Arizona native, Peters served as U.S. Transportation Secretary from

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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2006 to 2009, which included overseeing more than 60,000 employees and a \$61 billion budget. Peters led the Federal Highway Administration from 2001 to 2005. She was also leader of the Arizona Department of Transportation as part of her 16-year career with the department that began in 1985.



Mary Peters

In addition to her public service, Peters held the post of senior vice president and national director of transportation policy for HDR, a major engineering firm headquartered in Omaha, Neb.

To read the official company announcement, click [HERE](#).

Welcome aboard: InfraTest USA, Inc.

CalAPA is pleased to welcome its newest associate member, infraTest USA, Inc.

Since 1997, the infraTest's flagship product, the Asphalt Analyzer, has been extensively used throughout Europe for the safe extraction and determination of binder content, including rubber-modified bituminous mixtures, Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) and Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP).



Established in 1991 in Brackenheim-Botenheim, Germany, infraTest has been engaged in the development, manufacture, distribution of testing and analytical equipment for the building materials sector. A team of more than 50 employees develops equipment for the testing of asphalt, concrete, cement and soil.

For more information about infraTest, click [HERE](#) to visit the company website, or contact Ann Baranov at (617) 999-8712.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

CALIFORNIA TEST METHOD (CTM) or CALIFORNIA TEST (CT): A series of test procedures developed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) designed to verify the quality of various materials used in construction of transportation facilities.

→ Paving Pointer of the Week

Each week we highlight a key point or best practice of interest to asphalt paving crews, inspectors and others working in the field. We welcome suggestions.

SUBGRADE: Confirm that the correct depth and type of crushed aggregate material is being installed on the project.

→ Quote of the Week

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."

Malala Yousafzai

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

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