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

Contact: Ritha Nhorn (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.

→ Bay Area air district proposes new regulations on dust-control that will impact asphalt facilities

The San Francisco Bay Area Air Quality Management District has announced it will consider changes to air regulations next month that will impose new requirements for asphalt plants and other construction materials facilities.

The changes to "Regulation 6" of the BAAQMD's air quality regulations have been telegraphed for the past year and have been followed closely by CalAPA and its Environmental Committee, which is chaired by Scott Taylor with Taylor Environmental Services and Scott Cohen with Sespe Consulting.

Previous public hearings by the air district and indications of the types of new requirements being considered prompted CalAPA to send the air district a letter March 3, 2017, expressing concern that an initial draft of the proposed regulations "create new, onerous and opaque regulations that may create more confusion and red tape while doing very little to improve air quality in the Bay Area."

Air district staff studied the specific issues called out last year by CalAPA, as well as the California Construction & Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA), and several of the concerns were addressed in the latest draft rules published earlier this month.

However, CalAPA members continue to worry that new reporting and monitoring requirements will create a time-consuming and costly paperwork burden that is less effective than implementing and training on best practices to reduce dust at facilities that provide the essential local sources of asphalt, concrete and aggregate used to build the roads, schools, housing and other projects demanded by Bay Area residents and so closely associated with the area's economy and quality of life.

CalAPA members have previously communicated to air district staff about the numerous environmental control measures that have become



CalAPA Environmental Committee Co-Chair Scott Taylor, left, and Tom Ferrell with Syar Industries at last week's BAAQMD meeting.

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CalAPA Regional Technical
Committee Meetings (held
simultaneously at 4
locations)

Wednesday, May 2, 9:30
a.m. to noon

San Diego (details [HERE](#)), San
Jose (details [HERE](#)), Santa
Ana (details [HERE](#)) and West
Sacramento (details [HERE](#)).
Contact: Brandon Milar (916)
791-5044.

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'Asphalt Pavement 101'
class

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

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

Contact: Ritha Nhorn (916)
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Sign-up [HERE](#).

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Capitol in Washington, D.C.
May 15-16, 2018
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percent of paved roads in
California and across the U.S.

standard in the industry, and often are part of detailed permits
facilities must obtain to commence operations or make substantial
changes to equipment.

Regulators have grappled with public perception, and misconceptions,
of the origin of dust and its impact on nearby communities. Events such
as the recent wildfires in the North Bay generated particulate matter
readings in the air that dwarf any that may be related to construction
activities. Plant operators experienced in addressing concerns by
neighbors often take proactive dust-control measures such as utilizing
water trucks, tire-washers and sweeper trucks on adjacent streets to
minimize "track-out" and other dust-generating activities.

A delegation representing CalAPA and CalCIMA members met last
Thursday with BAAQMD staff in San Francisco to pore over the latest
draft of the regulations and provide feedback on the practical impact
to asphalt, concrete and mining operations and surrounding
communities.

Guy Gimlin, the principal BAAQMD staff person developing the new
regulation language, said he appreciated the expertise and experience
industry contributed to the discussions.

The BAAQMD has created a resource page [HERE](#) where the latest draft
of the Regulation 6 regulations can be found. The air district has
requested that written comments be submitted by April 27. A hearing of
the BAAQMD Board will be held on May 16 to consider adopting the
regulations.

For more information, contact CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.



*Among those attending the BAAQMD meeting in person last week
were, from left, CalAPA's Russell Snyder, Tina Lau with Leigh
Hanson, Tom Ferrell with Syar Industries and Christine Williams
with Granite. Several other members participated in the meeting
via phone bridge.*

→ National expert on RAP to be featured at
next CalAPA regional technical committee
meetings May 2 'simulcast' at 4 locations

The CalAPA Regional Technical Committees are doing their part for
unity and consistency, holding simultaneous meetings on May 2 at four

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locations to hear from a national authority on the use and performance of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP).

CalAPA Regional Technical Committee meetings provide a forum for asphalt pavement stakeholders from various regions within California. Discussions in these forums focus on new asphalt technology, the latest efforts to update agency specifications, and best practices for constructing and maintaining asphalt pavements. The meetings are free and open to all CalAPA members and agency personnel. Interactive discussions on local issues are featured at each meeting location.

The May topic: "Success with Asphalt Mixes Containing RAP."

This meeting will feature Randy West, Director of the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) at Auburn University. West will provide an overview of NCAT's research related to the use of RAP in asphalt mixes. The Center's efforts include lab, full-scale test track and field evaluations. West will also provide insight into the best practices for agencies and contractors on the use of RAP.



Randy West

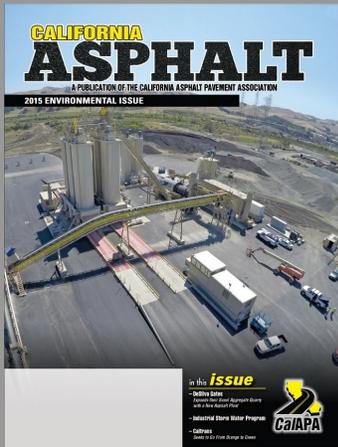
The RAP presentation will be "simulcast" at four locations that are hosting regional technical committee meetings at the same time: San Diego, Santa Ana (Los Angeles/High Desert area), San Jose (Bay Area) and West Sacramento (Sacramento/Central Valley area). You must attend one of the four locations in person to participate.

For details on the San Diego meeting, click [HERE](#); the Santa Ana meeting logistics can be found [HERE](#). The San Jose meeting details are [HERE](#), and the West Sacramento meeting information is [HERE](#). All meetings take place on Wednesday, May 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Direct questions about the Regional Technical Committees to CalAPA's Brandon Milar at (916) 791-55044.



CalAPA Regional Technical Committee meetings are a great way for industry and agency personnel to discuss local issues and also interact with nationally-known experts.

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



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The Caltrans-industry Joint Training & Certification Program (JTCP) for materials technicians is holding classes in Northern and Southern

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 as a former executive director of CalAPA.



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

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.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

BOND BREAKER: Any material used to prevent bonding of adjacent pavement layers. A thin bituminous layer is often used as a bond breaker between a concrete pavement and an un-bonded concrete overlay.

California. Click [HERE](#) to visit our JTCP resource page to learn more.

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→ 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.

- **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:** Call 8-1-1 prior to construction when plans call for any type of excavation so that the location of underground utilities can be verified and marked. More information on the 8-1-1 program can be found [HERE](#).

→ Quote of the Week

"An ant on the move does more than a dozing ox."

Lao Tzu

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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