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Del Mar Race Track, Del
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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.

→ Repeal of SB1 headed to the November ballot in California as Proposition 6; billions in road-repair funds in jeopardy

A statewide initiative to repeal last year's landmark road-funding bill has qualified for the Nov. 6 statewide ballot, setting off alarm bells throughout California as state and local agencies confront the prospect of losing tens of billions of dollars devoted to fixing the state's crumbling infrastructure.

"If there was one issue that is critical for our industry success it is this," said Jeff Reed, president and CEO of CalAPA member company George Reed Inc. / Basic Resources, in an e-mail message. "If we lose this funding, it will be a generation before this issue will ever be addressed again in California."

The Secretary of State's office on June 25 announced that backers of the repeal initiative had collected more than the 585,407 signatures of valid voters needed to qualify the measure for the ballot. The official summary and title of the initiative as prepared by the Attorney General's Office describes the measure thusly: "Eliminates recently enacted road repair and transportation funding by repealing revenues

dedicated for those purposes. Requires any measure to enact certain vehicle fuel taxes and vehicle fees be submitted to approved by the electorate." A link to the Secretary of State announcement is [HERE](#). Later in the week the Secretary of State announced the ballot designation for the measure would be Proposition 6.

If approved by a majority of voters in November, the initiative would repeal Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 that was passed by a two-thirds majority of both the Assembly and state Senate, and signed into law April 29, 2017 by Gov. Jerry Brown. The measure increased gasoline taxes by 12 cents per gallon, plus raised vehicle registration fees to generate more than \$5 billion per year over 10 years to fix roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure. It was the first gas-tax increase in California since 1994.

Republican operatives financed the signature-gathering effort to qualify the initiative for the ballot in an effort to motivate conservative

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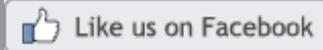
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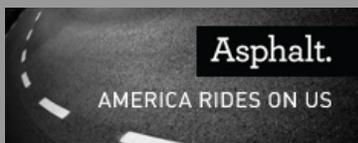


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voters to go to the polls in November and support Republican members of Congress. Republican gubernatorial candidate John Cox has made the gas-tax repeal a signature feature of his campaign.

A broad coalition of groups representing business, labor and environmentalists, including CalAPA, have rallied around SB1 and are opposing a repeal. Gov. Brown and the Democratic candidate to replace him, Gavin Newsom, both have said they will campaign actively against repealing SB1. Initial public polling indicates voters are weary of higher gas prices and may favor the repeal, even as millions of road-improvement projects made possible by SB1 are proliferating across the state.

Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director of the League of California Cities, said: "Cities have thousands of local transportation projects already in the pipeline that will make our roads safer and our commutes better. We have an obligation to every citizen and California driver to defeat this initiative."

To learn more about SB1, click [HERE](#). A website produced by SB1 supporters is [HERE](#).

→ A respected engineer and voice of reason, Steve Healow of the FHWA calls it a career

Steve Healow, a genial and respected Federal Highway Administration engineer who contributed to the advancement of knowledge and collaboration between agencies and the construction industry, recently retired from the agency.

A fixture at materials specification development meetings and at CalAPA conferences, Healow's quick wit and good humor belied a steadfast dedication to the federal agency's oversight role and commitment to ensuring that federal tax dollars devoted to transportation in California are spent wisely.

"I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the outstanding leadership and support Steve has provided his industry partners over the many years we have had the pleasure of calling him a friend and colleague," said Tony Limas of Granite Construction. "Ever-standing on the sidelines of the Caltrans/Industry specification development process, Steve was always at the ready to assist all with the steady hand and even temperament needed to bridge the gaps. When discussions regressed into arguments Steve was always reaching out for the best in all of us at times when our best seemed distant and remote."



Steve Healow of the FHWA speaks at the 2016 CalAPA Spring Conference in Ontario.

Admiration for Healow's legacy also was expressed by academia. DingXin Cheng, professor of civil engineering at CSU Chico and director of the Pavement Preservation Center, wrote, "Thank you so much for your great contribution and positive impact on this industry for so many years!" Added Gary Hicks, another industry and academia fixture, "He

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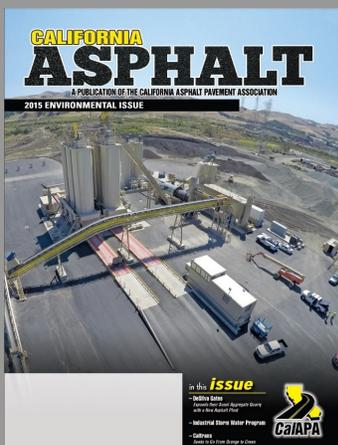
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(Healow) has been a treasure. We were lucky to have someone like him."

Healow joined the FHWA in 1990 and worked on construction projects in Rosslyn, Va., Frankfort, Ky., Vancouver, Wa. and Topeka, Kan. Over the years he held various positions with the FHWA, including field research engineer, District 9, San Francisco, District 7 Area Engineer, California Division, Pavements and Materials Engineer, California Division, and a project development engineer at various times for Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 & 11. His most recent title was Asset Management, Pavements and Materials Engineer, a position he held since November 2007.



Steve Healow with the FHWA (right) chats with Scott Dmytrow of Telfer Pavement Technologies during a break at a 2011 technical meeting at Caltrans Translab in Sacramento.

His hometown is Billings, Montana and he is an alumni of Montana State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Healow was a frequent presenter at CalAPA pavement conferences, and also participated in numerous technical meetings between Caltrans and the construction industry under the auspices of the industry-agency committee now known as the Pavement & Materials Partnering Committee. He also authored numerous articles and reports for a wide array of publications, including the CP2 newsletter produced by CSU Chico. His frequent contributions of knowledge and expertise from the FHWA and other states often helped advance understanding and discussions of construction materials specifications, test methods and construction best practices.

Healow's professional contributions and legacy will be recognized with an "Honorary Membership" at the CalAPA Annual Dinner, Jan. 10, 2019 in Los Angeles.

➔ Tickets going fast for CalAPA's 'Day at the Races' July 21 at Del Mar

CalAPA is back with one its most popular member-only events of the year: our annual "Day at the Races" at beautiful Del Mar Race Track in Del Mar. But hurry, because tickets are disappearing faster than a thoroughbred on the backstretch. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to secure your tickets.

The Southern California Contractors' Committee is once again hosting this gala event on opening weekend for thoroughbred racing at the historic seaside track, which was first opened for business by singer Bing Crosby in 1937. The association has reserved a luxury suite at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Saturday, July 21. The "Star Fiddle Skyroom" boasts panoramic views from a private balcony close to the finish line, with its own betting windows, access to grounds, a fabulous lunch buffet, snacks and a no-host bar.

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Tickets for this family-friendly event are \$114 for adults, with reduced prices for youngsters, and must be purchased in advance via the CalAPA website. Click [HERE](#) to order.

Del Mar, "where the turf meets the surf," is not only one of the most scenic race tracks in the world, it's also rich with history. The thoroughbreds who have galloped around the Del Mar oval include some of the most famous names on four legs, including Seabiscuit, Cigar and Silver Charm. Legendary jockeys that have ridden to glory at Del Mar include Bill Shoemaker, Laffit Pincay, Jr. and Chris McCarron. Some of the biggest trainers in the business also have stepped into the Winner's Circle at Del Mar, including D. Wayne Lucas, Charlie Wittingham and Doug O'Neill.



American Pharoah with fan favorite Victor Espinoza aboard.

What keeps Del Mar breaking attendance records is that it continues to bear witness to more "I was there" moments. In 2014, the CalAPA-sponsored 1st Race was won by Lord Nelson, a 2-year-old thoroughbred trained by Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who joined CalAPA representatives Holly Mendell and John Michalik from California Commercial Asphalt in the Winner's Circle.

Two years later Baffert was the trainer of 2016's Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah, and he's making national headlines again this year as trainer for Justify, another Triple Crown winner.



The CalAPA Del Mar event is a family favorite.

And who can forget California Chrome? The chestnut colt, a home-state favorite, raced at Del Mar before going on to win the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 2014. To view pictures from last year's CalAPA "Day at the Races," click [HERE](#) to visit our Facebook page.

Bring your family, co-workers, favorite customers or best friends to our "Day at the Races" and perhaps you'll see the next superstar thoroughbred in action and be part of another "I was there" moment. For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.



CalAPA has reserved the "Star Fiddle" Room with a panoramic view of the Del Mar track.



→ Tech Term of the Week

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

SEGREGATION: Separation of aggregate components present in asphalt or portland cement concrete mixes by particle size. Segregation may occur anytime there is movement of the material.

→ 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. More tips can be found in our Asphalt Parking Lot Construction Checklist [HERE](#).

ASPHALT MIXTURE: Does the paving foreman know how many tons he or she expects to use? How many dump trucks are scheduled to deliver the mix from the plant and how many tons are in each round? The goal is to balance the mix delivery schedule to avoid having to start and stop the paving operation.

→ Holiday hours

CalAPA offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

→ Quote of the Week

"The flag holds a lonely place of honor in an age when absolutes are distrusted and simple truths are burdened by unneeded apologetics."

Anthony Kennedy

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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