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FREE WEBINAR
'Environmental Product Declarations and Asphalt in CA'

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Click [HERE](#) for flier. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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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.

→ Free 'webinar' set for Jan. 8 on asphalt & Environmental Product Declarations in CA

CalAPA, working in collaboration with the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the University of California Pavement Research Center (UCPRC), will host a free educational "webinar" on the topic of asphalt and Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) in California. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PST. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#). A marketing flier about the event (in PDF format) is [HERE](#).

Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), which seek to provide detailed information about a product's impact to the environment over its life cycle, continue to grow in prominence in California and nationally. Project owners are increasingly looking to EPDs to better understand how their projects, and the materials used to build them, may affect the environment and incorporate more sustainable choices into product decision-making.



Caltrans plans to include EPD language in a few pilot projects to advertise in the spring of 2019. The purpose of the 90-minute webinar is to educate the asphalt pavement industry and other interested parties on the topic. The CalAPA Environmental Committee designated EPDs as a priority emerging topic earlier this year.

CalAPA members seeking more information and resources on the topic should consult a "Member Alert" was sent out Nov. 2. An article on the topic also appeared last year in the association's magazine, *California Asphalt*. It can be viewed [HERE](#).

The subject-matter experts featured during the webinar will be:

- John Harvey, Ph.D., P.E., Director, University of California Pavement Research Center (UCPRC)
- Jackie Wong, P.E., Senior Bridge Engineer, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Materials Engineering & Testing Services (METS)
- Joseph Shacat, Director of Sustainable Pavements, and Kelly Kanaras, Associate Director of Awards & Marketing, National Asphalt Pavement Association

Key reference documents and electronic copies of the PowerPoint presentations delivered during the webinar will be available to all those who register, and others upon request. There are a limited number of spots available in the webinar and pre-registration is

REGISTRATION OPEN!
CalAPA Annual Dinner
Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019
5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Jonathan Club, 545 S.
Figueroa St., Los Angeles
Details [HERE](#).
Contact: Sophie You (916)
791-5044

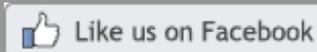
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SIGN-UP NOW!
'Asphalt Pavement 101'
training class
Tuesday, Jan. 22, 8:00
a.m. to Noon
City of Antioch Department
of Public Works, 1201 W. 4th
Street, Antioch
Register [HERE](#).
Contact: Sophie You (916)
791-5044

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SAVE THE DATES!
Spring Asphalt Pavement
Conference & Equipment
Expo
Wednesday & Thursday,
March 20-21, 2019
DoubleTree Hotel, 222 N.
Vineyard Ave., Ontario
Details soon!
For exhibitor and sponsorship
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You at (916) 791-5044

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Asphalt is used on about 93
percent of paved roads in

required. Log-in information will be e-mailed to those who register.
For more information, contact Russell W. Snyder of CalAPA at (916)
791-5044.

→ Industry, agency leaders to be honored at CalAPA's Annual Dinner Jan. 10 at the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles

Registration is now open for the most prestigious asphalt industry event of the year -- the CalAPA Annual Dinner, which will take place on Thursday, Jan. 10 at the elegant Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles. This exclusive event is open only to CalAPA members and invited guests. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line.

The evening's program promises to be the most memorable yet, capping an eventful 2018 that saw a number of historic firsts for the industry, including the passage at the ballot box of a transportation funding protection measure and defeat of a potentially ruinous transportation funding repeal.

The evening program will also include an installation of association officers for 2019, recognition of industry leaders, and inductions into the CalAPA "Hall of Fame" of legendary industry figures as well as honors for longtime public agency representatives. Set to be inducted into the Hall of Fame as "honorary members" are Erik Updyke, recently retired from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and Steve Healow, recently retired from the Federal Highway Administration. Legendary industry figures Jack Van Kirk, retired from George Reed Inc., and Rich Shaon, recently retired from Sully-Miller/Blue Diamond Materials, also will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The program will also devote time to remember those leaders we lost in the past year, including former association executive Paul Rademacher, Wayne Church, formerly of Paramount Petroleum, and Frank C. Hermann of Hermann Equipment.

A reception begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the dinner. A meeting of the CalAPA Board of Directors will also be held at the Jonathan Club starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the event.

The Jonathan Club is located at 545 S. Figueroa St. in downtown Los Angeles. There are a limited number of sleeping rooms available at the historic venue. Contact the Jonathan Club directly at (213) 624-0881 to make a reservation and mention "CalAPA." The Jonathan Club has a strict dress code and business attire is required and enforced. Click [HERE](#) for details about the



The historic Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles has been frequented over the years by heads of state, business titans, Hollywood luminaries, astronauts and other notable figures.



Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom (second from left) was on hand to congratulate CalAPA Life Members (from left) Juan Forster, Paul Rademacher, Carlos Hernandez and Scott Lovejoy at the CalAPA Annual Dinner held Jan. 15, 2015 at the Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles.

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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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For more information and sponsorship opportunities, visit the CalAPA 2019 Annual Dinner website [HERE](#) or contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044.

→ Court ruling on use of independent contractors roils numerous industries, including trucking, construction

CalAPA member Graniterock produces an excellent on-line publication, "RockBlog," to communicate to its customers, partners and others regarding topical issues of the day. Once such article is a clear-eyed look at a recent court ruling regarding the use of independent contractors that has roiled numerous industries, including trucking and construction. You can read the article [HERE](#).

The California Supreme Court ruling was handed down on April 30 in the *Dynamex West Operations v. Superior Court of Los Angeles* case. In short, the Dynamex decision has ushered in new standards to determine if a worker in California can be classified as an independent contractor or as an employee. This has also brought the term "ABC Test" into common usage in many industries, and is of particular interest to the construction and trucking industries.

In general, under the ABC test unanimously affirmed by the California Supreme Court, all three of the following elements must be met to classify a worker as an independent contractor:

- A: The worker is free from the control and direction of the hirer as to performing the work (both under agreement and in fact), AND
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- B: The worker performs work outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business, AND
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- C: The worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade or business of the same nature performed for the hiring entity.

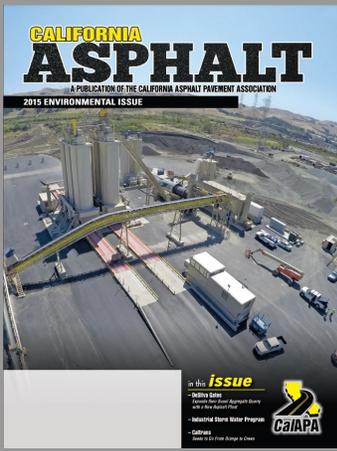


As *RockBlog* notes, "Dynamex has raised far more questions than it answered - including several within the construction industry, especially concerning construction trucking." Additional court challenges and the possibility of legislation being introduced next year at the Capitol are sure to complicate matters. This *Asphalt Insider* article does not constitute legal advice, but rather seeks to raise awareness with companies about the issue and encourage them to learn more, if appropriate. Companies would be prudent in seeking legal counsel on their individual situations in this regard.

→ Registration open for 'Asphalt Pavement 101' class to be held Jan. 22 in Antioch

Registration is now open for a new offering of CalAPA's popular "Asphalt Pavement 101" class, a good overview for newcomers and an excellent refresher for those with more experience. The half-day class will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22 in Antioch. For details and to register on-line, click [HERE](#).

The "Asphalt Pavement 101" class is a good overview of everything asphalt, touching on how asphalt pavements are designed,



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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 (standing at left) conducts an Asphalt Pavement 101 class.

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.

"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.

→ CalAPA holiday office hours

CalAPA offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The offices also will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

BIDDER INQUIRY: A process by which a bidder on a public works contract can make an inquiry of the project owner to clarify language or plans that are part of the bid documents.

→ 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

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Lot Construction Checklist [HERE](#).

DURING COMPACTION: Ask yourself: Is the proper type and number of compaction equipment being used to achieve specified density? Has adequate time been allowed to ensure proper compaction given the current weather?

→ Quote of the Week

"I know who's been naughty or nice."

Santa Claus

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, events and trends in California that may impact the asphalt pavement industry. Click [HERE](#) to contact us with any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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