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Tuesday, Jan. 22, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

City of Antioch Department of Public Works, 1201 W. 4th Street, Antioch Register [HERE](#).

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### REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

CalAPA 'Fly-in' to the State Capitol in Sacramento Tuesday & Wednesday, March 5-6 Sacramento.

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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.

## → Noted leaders inducted into CalAPA 'Hall of Fame' at Annual Dinner in Los Angeles

Asphalt industry leaders from the past, present and future gathered last week at the historic Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles to pay tribute to legendary figures from the public and private sector who distinguished themselves during their long careers for always elevating those around them.

The Jan. 10 dinner also recalled those who passed away in 2018, providing a poignant reminder that today's success is the cumulative effect of years of dedication and hard work by those who have gone before us.

"Tonight," said outgoing CalAPA Chairman Mike Murray with Hardy & Harper, "is a chance for us to look back at the many contributions our members have made to the betterment of our industry, and to look ahead toward the challenges and opportunities that we face in the future."



**Outgoing CalAPA Chairman Mike Murray (left) passes the gavel to 2019 Chairman Jordan Reed at last week's CalAPA Annual Dinner.**

The association installed Steve Healow, recently retired from the Federal Highway Administration, into the CalAPA Hall of Fame as an "Honorary Member," noting his quiet yet effective work over many years to help industry and Caltrans develop and update technical specifications and procedures.

Jack Van Kirk, recently retired from CalAPA member George Reed, Inc., read a tribute from colleague Tony Limas from Granite Construction, noting that Healow "was always committed to one cause -- understanding the underpinnings of the technical arguments being made by various stakeholders. When issues went unresolved due to a lack of experience or information, it was not uncommon for Steve to reach out to his colleague on the national stage to gather additional information. In turn, this would often result in an unsolicited follow-up phone call or e-mail from Steve with additional information or new perspectives that served to move the task group one step closer to the goal line."



**Jack Van Kirk (left) and Steve Healow, both inducted into the CalAPA Hall of Fame.**

Van Kirk also received recognition as an Alumni Member for his many years of service to the industry advancing the frontier of knowledge in numerous technical areas related to asphalt pavement design, testing and acceptance, as well as

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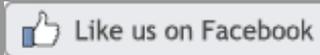
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Conference & Equipment  
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Wednesday & Thursday,  
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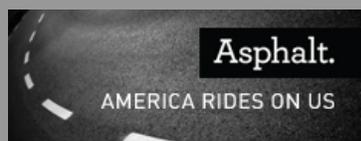
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## GET TECHNICAL

Are you an engineer, designer or technical professional who makes decisions on pavement type

recognizing his previous service as a materials engineer for the California Department of Transportation.

Also receiving "Alumni Member" recognition was Rich Shaon, recently retired from Sully-Miller/Blue Diamond Materials after a nearly 50-year career. He was introduced by Scott Bottomley with Sully-Miller, CalAPA's Treasurer.

Another "Honorary Member" Hall of Fame recognition was presented to Erik Updyke, who also retired in 2018 from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Pascal Mascarenhas with Vulcan Materials introduced Updyke to a dinner audience no doubt familiar with Updyke's many professional accomplishments, including his many contributions to the development and advancement of the Green Book of public works standards.



***Erik Updyke (left) is welcomed into the CalAPA Hall of Fame by Pascal Mascarenhas with Vulcan Materials.***

The evening program also paused remember the leadership and contributions from four giants of the industry who passed away in 2018: Paul Rademacher, Wayne Church, Wally E. Hunt Jr., and Frank C. Hermann.

The association also installed its officers for 2019: Jordan Reed with George Reed Inc. (Chairman); Jim Ryan with Marathon (Vice Chairman); Scott Bottomley with Sully-Miller/Blue Diamond Materials (Treasurer) and Toni Carroll with Graniterock (Secretary). In passing the gavel to Reed, Murray moved to Immediate Past Chairman. Other members of the CalAPA Executive Committee are: Jeff Benedict with Valero, Scott Fraser with R.J. Noble, Alan French with DeSilva Gates Materials and John Greenwood with California Commercial Asphalt.

The landmark victory in 2018 of Proposition 69 on the June ballot, which gave state constitutional protections to transportation dollars, and the defeat of Proposition 6 in November, which would have eliminated more than \$5 billion per year in road funding, were touted as signature achievements for the industry in the past year.

"Now that we have secured \$5 billion a year in transportation funding by defeating Proposition 6," Reed said in his first remarks as association chairman, "we're going to need to work diligently with Caltrans and local agencies to convert those tax dollars to pavement projects. This must be done quickly. Voters have placed their trust, and their dollars, in our hands. We must deliver on that promise by improving their roads in a noticeable way."



***Rich Shaon (left) caps a nearly 50-year career and is welcomed to the Hall of Fame by CalAPA Treasurer Scott Bottomley.***

Reed also said he hoped leaders in Washington will follow California's lead in protecting transportation infrastructure that is so vital to jobs, the economy and our quality of life.

"I believe that by leading by example, we may demonstrate to Congress that prudent investments, well spent, is just responsible, good governing," Reed said. "That, I hope, will inspire Congress to address the insolvent federal Highway Trust Fund. Adequate road funding is like a three-legged stool. There is local, state and federal funding. We have strengthened the state and local legs of the stool, but the federal leg is very wobbly and risks undermining all of our efforts."

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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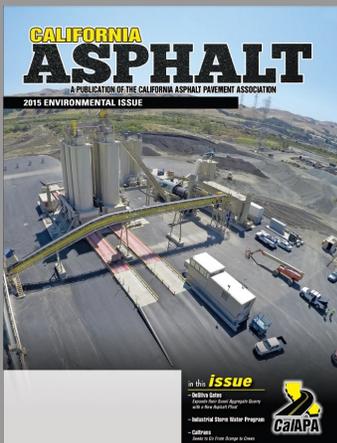
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## MAGAZINE



CalAPA produces a highly regarded magazine, *California Asphalt*, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past

The sponsors who made the evening possible were: (Table Sponsors) California Commercial Asphalt, CEI Enterprises, Hardy & Harper Inc., R.J. Noble Co., Valero Marketing & Supply and Vulcan Materials. The Reception sponsor was San Joaquin Refining Co. The Dinner Sponsors were: Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, G3 Quality, and Sully-Miller Contracting / Blue Diamond Materials. The rooftop "after-event" reception was sponsored by Nixon-Egli Equipment. More photos from the event can be viewed on CalAPA's Facebook Page [HERE](#).



*Past and present CalAPA Hall of Fame inductees present at the CalAPA Annual Dinner last week in Los Angeles (from left): Rich Shaon, Alumni Member; Juan Forster, Life Member; Carlos Hernandez, Life Member; Len Nawrocki, Life Member; Jack Van Kirk, Alumni Member; Erik Updyke, Honorary Member; Ron Stickel, Life Member; Steve Healow, Honorary Member; and Russell Snyder, Executive Director, CalAPA.*

## → Caltrans, during CalAPA webinar, announces pilot pavement projects to include EPDs

During a well-attended "webinar" presented last week by CalAPA, Caltrans announced that several asphalt pavement projects will be advertised this spring that will request contractors produce Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) as part of the project.

The announcement, which had been expected, is in response to a bill signed into law last year by Gov. Jerry Brown to require EPDs for certain materials the state purchases for construction projects. Although concrete and asphalt were not included in the bill that became law last year, Caltrans anticipates EPDs may be required in the future and so is releasing a few pilot projects with EPD language to discern industry's ability to produce the documentation.

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



*The Jan. 8 CalAPA webinar on EPDs had a national audience but originated from CalAPA's*

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## DESIGN!



To visit the PAVExpress website, click [HERE](#). To view the companion website, PaveInstruct, click [HERE](#).

## LEARN!

We can bring CalAPA's popular training classes to your facility at a date and

them, may affect the environment and incorporate more sustainable choices into product decision-making.

*"broadcast studios" in West Sacramento.*

At the webinar, Caltrans announced it has published the initial list of four asphalt pavement projects that will request EPDs as part of the bid. Those projects, along with other Caltrans EPD information, can be found [HERE](#). The PowerPoint presentation delivered by Jackie Wong of Caltrans during the webinar can be viewed [HERE](#).

Dr. John Harvey, director of the University of California Pavement Research Center, also presented during the webinar. His PowerPoint presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), a CalAPA partner, also presented during the webinar about an EPD tool developed by NAPA, the "Emerald-Eco Label." The NAPA presentation on that topic is [HERE](#).

NAPA has recently published a white paper, "Asphalt Pavements & LEED v4: Credits & Opportunities," which is filled with useful information, and includes references to EPDs. You can download it [HERE](#).

## → Tech Term of the Week

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

**STREET:** A general term denoting a public way for purpose of vehicular travel, including the entire area within the right-of-way.

## → 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](#).*

**SUBSOIL:** Is the base layer/subsoil firm and unyielding under the pressure of repeated construction trucks? Is the soil dry enough to support heavy construction? Can the soil hold its shape under loaded trucks? If the site is wet, postpone until the site is sufficiently dry and can be proof rolled and uniform stability is obtained.

## → Quote of the Week

"There are three things extremely hard: steel, a diamond, and to know one's self."

**Benjamin Franklin**

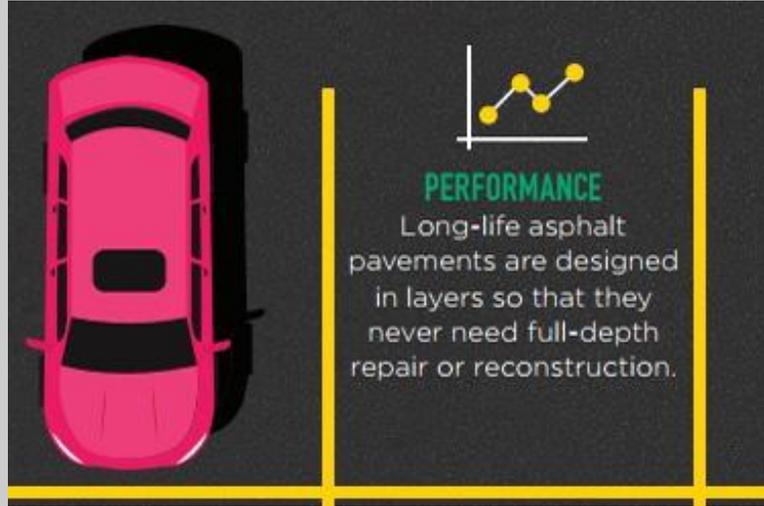
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