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## CALENDAR

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

Contact: Russell Snyder (916)  
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Register [HERE](#).

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**SAVE THE DATES!**  
Spring Asphalt Pavement  
Conference & Equipment  
Expo  
Wednesday & Thursday,  
March 20-21, 2019

## 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.

## → CalAPA annual 'Fly-in' to the State Capitol in Sacramento set for March 5-6

Call them the "\$50 Billion Bunch." They are the citizen-lobbyists representing CalAPA and others who have trekked to the state Capitol in Sacramento, year after year, to educate legislators about the importance of protecting our state's road transportation network and the strong connection the system has to jobs, the economy and our quality of life in California.

After years of persistent arm-twisting, the Legislature finally took action, passing SB1, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017. The comprehensive bill included the first increase to the state's fuel tax since the early 1990s, generating an estimated \$5 billion a year for transportation over 10 years.

As they say in the military, it's one thing to take a hill, but then you have to hold it. Last year two important SB1-related measures were on the June and November ballots. One, Prop. 69, protected transportation dollars from being diverted to other purposes. It was passed by 80 percent of voters -- a historic landslide.



*CalAPA members met last year with Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, chair of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee and author of SB1. He's holding a CalAPA SB1 "Fixing YOUR Roads" bumper-sticker.*

In November, a much more dire initiative, Prop. 6, sought to repeal the fuel taxes that were part of SB1 and were already funding road-repair projects in every county of the state. Voters soundly rejected the measure, giving yet another strong indication of public support for good roads. CalAPA and its members contributed more than \$6.5 million to the campaign to defeat Prop. 6 and supported an impressive grass-roots "No on 6" effort.

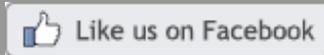
This year the focus will be on converting taxpayer dollars to transportation-improvement projects. Every day thousands of motorists in California fill up their tanks and divert some of their hard-earned money from the family budget to Caltrans and local public works agencies. When they pull out of the gas station they shouldn't have to travel far to see evidence that their tax dollars are improving their drive with a smoother ride, safety upgrades and other long-deferred maintenance activities. As many transportation officials like to say, "Promises made, promises kept." Now is the time for the "promises kept" part.

That will be the theme of this year's CalAPA Capitol Fly-in to the state Capitol in Sacramento, which will take place March 5-6. Far from "mission accomplished," the goal this year will be to thank lawmakers

DoubleTree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario  
Details soon!

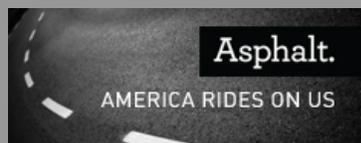
For exhibitor and sponsorship information, contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044

## SOCIALIZE



## CHOOSE ASPHALT

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.

who voted for SB1, build relationships with those new to Sacramento, and to encourage everyone to stay focused on how we can convert tax dollars to transportation-improvement projects as quickly as possible.

Things can move quickly in Sacramento. Just last week, Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, R-San Diego (77th District) announced he was changing his party affiliation from GOP to Democrat. CalAPA representatives meet with legislators of both parties and remind them that good roads are bipartisan. Voters have spoken. Now is the time to honor their wishes.



*Brian Maienschein (center, with hands on hips) toured a California Commercial Asphalt plant in 2012. CalAPA Board Member Don L. Daley Jr. is at right. The CalAPA Political Action Committee supports plant tours and other activities to educate lawmakers about the asphalt pavement industry.*

Click [HERE](#) to register for this year's CalAPA Capitol Fly-in. For more information, contact Russell Snyder at (916) 791-5044.

## → Commentary: Let's designate today as unofficial 'Thank a Federal Worker Day'

As we noted last week, a political tit-for-tat in Washington over immigration resulted in the longest partial shutdown of the federal government in U.S. history -- 35 days. The president and congressional leaders finally agreed to end the shutdown on Friday, at least temporarily, while they continue to negotiate on the issue. With partisan bickering the norm these days, there was one thing Republicans and Democrats were in agreement on: the shutdown accomplished nothing.

In the meantime, some 800,000 federal workers who were either furloughed or working without pay will arrive on the job today with the expectation that paychecks will be restored within days. That certainly won't erase a month of needless anxiety and financial hardship.

We have taken it upon ourselves to designate this first Monday back on the job as "Thank a Federal Worker Day." That's because work and

responsibilities didn't magically disappear during the past month (only our elected representatives seemed to disappear). Federal workers will be returning to an accumulation of phone messages, e-mail, letters, requests and other demands for their time that have piled up since December. It's a tough way to start off a Monday morning, so if you have the opportunity to interact with a federal worker today, or a federal contractor who likely won't see back pay restored, be sure to thank them for their service. Some likely targets of our gratitude are agency personnel we



frequently interact with in the pavement business -- such as the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the National Parks

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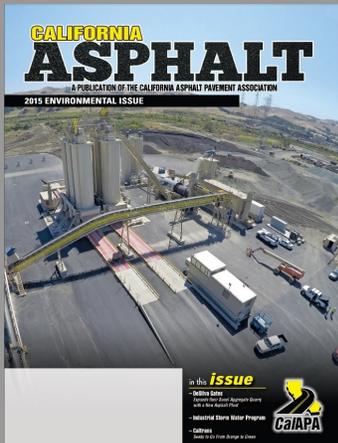
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## BACK ISSUES

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](#).

## MAGAZINE



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Service, and on and on. If you are traveling, don't forget to thank the Transportation Safety Administration folks at the airport, or U.S. Customs & Border Protection officers at the border, all working to keeping us safe every day.

And while we're at it, another suggestion: You may recall that delayed state budgets were quite commonplace in Sacramento, which also caused lots of hardship for state agencies just trying to conduct routine business. From 1987 to 2010, it seemed like the Legislature meeting the June 15 deadline set forth in the state Constitution to deliver an approved budget to the governor was missed more often than it wasn't. Sometimes the delay stretched well into the summer. In 2010 lawmakers didn't send a budget to the governor until Oct. 10.

That all changed with the passage in 2010 of Prop. 25, which among other things lowered a super-majority requirement to pass a budget (California was only one of three states to have such a requirement), and also contained a provision that lawmakers forfeit their pay if they don't enact a budget by June 15. Surprise! The state budget has been passed on time every year since.

On the federal level, Sen. Mark Warner, D-VA, is offering up a similar concept. Under his proposal, under a federal government shutdown scenario, funding would be maintained for all federal departments except Congress and the White House. We think this idea is a winner.

It's one thing to talk tough with someone else's money. It's something entirely different when it's your money at stake. We hope Senator Warner's proposal, which is picking up steam, is eventually signed into law. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has already spoken favorably about the idea. As she has seen in her home state of California, a sharp pain in the wallet is a powerful motivator for anyone, even politicians.



*The FHWA's Steve Healow, right, with another CalAPA Hall of Fame inductee, Jack Van Kirk.*

At CalAPA's Annual Dinner held Jan. 10 in Los Angeles, we presented a special recognition to longtime Federal Highway Administration official Steve Healow, who recently retired. He told the audience it was one of the highlights of his career. His name will be a fitting addition to the CalAPA Hall of Fame, which has a special category for recognizing outstanding professionalism, dedication and hard work on the part of government workers we pay to do important work on our behalf. To Steve Healow, and all the other federal workers out there, Thank You.

## ➔ CalAPA® name and logo receive federal trademark recognition

Since this issue of *Asphalt Insider* is dedicated to thanking federal workers, we should also extend our gratitude to the folks over at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, which recently approved our trademark application for the CalAPA® name and logo.

The association, which was founded in 1953, over the years has established itself as the voice of the asphalt pavement industry in California, and the CalAPA® name and logo are ubiquitous on marketing brochures, educational materials, publications and other

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official communications. About 10,000 vehicles a day pass by the CalAPA® monument sign outside our building at the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Industrial Boulevard in West Sacramento.

The trademark ® symbol indicates the federal government has recognized the CalAPA® name and logo as unique identifiers of the association and the companies it represents.



In the coming year we will be phasing out our old logo and replacing it with one that is identical except for one small detail -- it will have the ® symbol to indicate the marks are recognized by the federal government and should not be used by others.

The association has adopted a Code of Ethics for its members, and the Board of Directors is tasked with charting a course to elevate the industry by pursuing recognized standards of performance excellence. The CalAPA® brand, as embodied by its name and logo, stand for those principles, and USPTO registration protects them from use by others who do not adhere to those standards.

The CalAPA® name is a service mark and carries the Reg. No. 5,621,794, and the CalAPA® logo, also a service mark, carries the Reg. No. 5,621,795. Both were officially registered on Dec. 4, 2018 (before the federal government shutdown, it should be noted).

For CalAPA® members who wish to use the CalAPA® logo on their websites or other marketing materials, contact the association at (916) 791-5044 for policies and other information on proper use of the logo.



*CalAPA's Brandon Milar (left) and Sophie You hoist a "No on 6" sign in front of the CalAPA building in West Sacramento last year.*

## → Tech Term of the Week

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

**PETROLEUM ASPHALT:** Asphalt refined from crude petroleum.



## → 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

"Growth is the only evidence of life."

**John Henry Newman**

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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