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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.

→ Registration open for Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference March 20-21 in Ontario; Expo & classes also featured

Registration is now open for the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference & Equipment Expo, set for March 20-21 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario. The conference will also feature two optional asphalt training classes in conjunction with the conference. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line.

The annual conference features the latest technical and practical information on asphalt pavement design, construction and maintenance, plus insight on funding and environmental and regulatory issues.

The conference will take place at the Doubletree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Ave. in Ontario. The hotel is near Ontario International Airport, and discount lodging is available for conference attendees.

Back by popular demand is a trade-show floor filled with vendor booths featuring the latest equipment, technology and other services of interest to industry and agency personnel.

Also back by popular demand are CalAPA's highly regarded training classes, which can be included as part of the conference registration or attended separately.

This year's featured speaker is Kristin Gaspar, chairwoman of the San Diego Board of Supervisors, who will discuss the county's ambitious "Building Better Roads" initiative that blends innovation with sustainability.

Former Caltrans senior engineer Roger Smith will be teaching his popular "Asphalt Pavement 101" class on Day 1 of the conference, which is a good overview of all things asphalt for those new to the industry or looking to keep current with all the latest developments.

Perhaps this year's hottest topic is a major revision to Caltrans pavement smoothness specifications.



Dr. Shadi Saadeh, CSU Long Beach, speaks at last year's Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference as Jeremy Peterson-Self with Caltrans looks on.



Kristin Gaspar

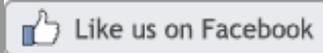
Spring Asphalt Pavement
Conference & Equipment
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GET TECHNICAL

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

Mike Robinson, a noted pavement expert, will be back to teach "Essentials of Pavement Smoothness," which is being updated to include all the latest developments in spec changes, technology and best-practices. His class will be in the afternoon on Day 2 of the conference.

In addition to the presentations and displays, the conference will also feature a gala reception on Day 1, which presents an opportunity for relationship-building in a relaxed atmosphere.

There are numerous sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities at the conference. For details, click [HERE](#) to view a sponsorship form, or contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044. Our list of 2018 Spring Conference sponsors is [HERE](#). The 2018 Spring Conference Exhibitors are listed [HERE](#). Photos from the 2018 Spring Conference can be viewed on the CalAPA Facebook Page [HERE](#).



Attendees at a previous CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference in Ontario.

→ Saluting another legendary 'Woman of Asphalt': Becky Wood with Teichert

By now you've heard about the flourishing "Women of Asphalt" campaign to highlight the impressive contributions of women in the industry, which hopefully will inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Dr. Rita Leahy, past CalAPA Technical Director, moderated a panel of women leaders at the CalAPA Fall Conference in Sacramento last year, which ended up attaining "superhero" status and making the cover of CalAPA's "California Asphalt" magazine [HERE](#). Leahy, affectionately known as the "Original Woman of Asphalt," is reprising her moderator duties for a "Women of Asphalt" event at this year's "World of Asphalt" convention this week in Indianapolis.

This week also marks the retirement of another impressive "Woman of Asphalt:" Becky L. Wood, the Environmental, Health & Safety Manager for CalAPA member Teichert Materials. Her list of professional accomplishments is higher than an aggregate stockpile.

Among her career highlights, she was Past Chair of the Cleaner Air Partnership, chaired the Cleaner

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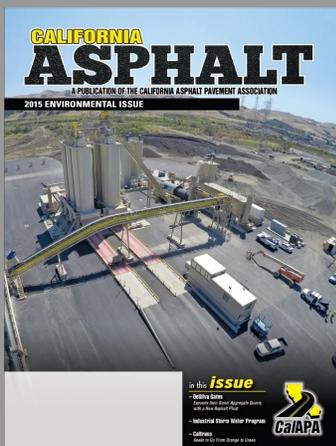
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MAGAZINE



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Air Partnership Technical Advisory Committee, and has chaired the air quality team for the Chamber of Commerce "Cap to Cap" lobbying trip to Washington, D.C. multiple times. She has served on the Carl Moyer Advisory Committee, and is a past board member of the Mother Lode Section of the Air and Waste Management Association. She has served on the CalAPA Environmental Committee for many years and chaired the Environmental Committee for the California Construction and Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA) several times, and was an active member of the environmental committee of the National Stone Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA). She was also active in the local chapter of the Society of Mining Engineers.

She earned an undergraduate degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Arizona College of Mines, and completed graduate work in Industrial Engineering at Arizona State University. She has worked in underground and open pit copper mines in Arizona and for United Technologies Chemical Systems Division in San Jose building rocket motors and handling environmental issues.

A resident of Fair Oaks, she is a proud mother of "two wonderful young adults" and brags about "an equally wonderful husband who stayed home to care for the children" so that she could pursue her career passions.

Mentoring and inspiring others came naturally to Wood, who recently was a speaker for the Association of Women in Water Energy and the Environment (AWWEE) for their "path to power" series. Her path to power already secured, Wood will retire this week and pass the mantle of leadership to the next generation of women leaders in the industry. She will be sorely missed.



Becky Wood with Teichert Materials (right) meets in 2012 with Assembly President Pro Tem Fiona Ma, D-San Francisco, regarding Ma's legislation to encourage the use of more Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) in asphalt pavement mixes.

→ Caltrans releases letter on Hamburg Wheel Track test for Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt

The California Department of Transportation sent a letter to CalAPA last week formally acknowledging concerns that have arisen in the past year over the Hamburg Wheel Track (HWT) Test and Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (RHMA) mixes, and offering interim solutions.

"The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Industry have been collaboratively working resolve issues with the Hamburg Wheel Track (HWT) test, AASHTO 324, for Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (RHMA-G) mixes," said the letter, dated Jan. 31, from State Pavement Engineer Sergio Aceves. "We appreciate the work your association has been doing to facilitate the discussion, as well as, helping us reach an interim solution for the issue."

The letter outlines a short-term and long-term strategy for dealing with the concerns over HWT test variability, including a provision that

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allows for contractor-requested change orders. A copy of the letter is [HERE](#).

The issue arose out of numerous contractor complaints about test variability and specification language, and culminated with an extraordinary meeting held Oct. 18 at Translab in Sacramento facilitated by CalAPA.

Further discussions between Caltrans and CalAPA followed, and a draft interim strategy for dealing with the issue was circulated in December.

The department says it is in the process of drafting Construction Change Order (CCO) language that Caltrans Resident Engineers will follow when the Contractor requests the change. For more information on this issue, contact CalAPA Technical Director Brandon Milar at (916) 791-5044.



A Hamburg Wheel Track test machine.

→ CalAPA booth a popular destination at WRAPP conference in San Diego

CalAPA's booth at last week's pavement preservation conference in San Diego was a popular destination for attendees. CalAPA Member Service Manager Sophie You handed out literature and good cheer for the many CalAPA members and agency personnel who attended .

While asphalt is the pavement of choice in California, covering about 94 percent of paved surfaces, making sure asphalt lasts as long as possible was the focus of the Western Regional Association of Pavement Preservation conference held Feb. 7-8 at the Doubletree conference center in San Diego.

One of the conference highlights was Gary Hicks receiving a lifetime achievement award for his many contributions to the advancement of knowledge of pavement preservation for industry and agency alike.

For more photos, click [HERE](#) to visit CalAPA's Facebook page.



Dave Cardwell (left) and Steve Stangland with the Napa County Department of Public Works stop by the CalAPA booth last week in San Diego.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

RECLAIMED ASPHALT PAVEMENT (RAP): Removed and/or reprocessed pavement materials containing asphalt and aggregates.

→ Paving Pointer of the Week

Each week we highlight a key point or best practice of interest to

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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](#).

COMPACTION/DENSITY: The plans and specifications should specify how density is tested. The inspector needs to monitor the specified compaction density with a gauge to ensure that final target densities are achieved. Regular visual inspection of the mat during compaction is also required: look for segregation, indentations, properly sealed joints, and under-compacted areas.

→ Quote of the Week

"What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise."

Oscar Wilde

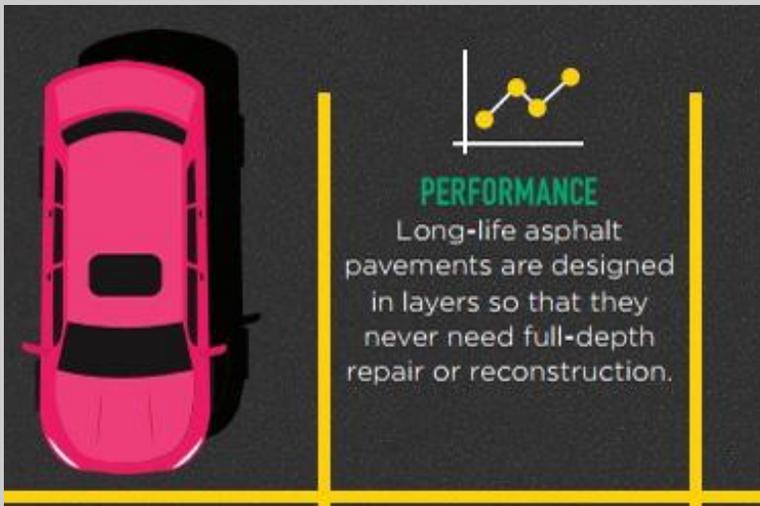
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Sincerely,

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