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(Always on-line [HERE](#))

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Wednesday, April 3, 9:30 a.m. to noon  
5 locations statewide (see article at right for details).

## 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.

### → Evaluating high-RAP mixes is featured topic at CalAPA regional technical committee meetings this Wednesday at 5 locations

Industry and agency personnel are invited to attend the next series of CalAPA Regional Technical Committee Meetings, which will be held this Wednesday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at five locations around the state simultaneously.

CalAPA provides the free forums for asphalt pavement stakeholders from various regions within California. Discussions in these forums focus on new asphalt technology, the latest efforts to update agency specifications, and best practices for constructing and maintaining asphalt pavements. Join your colleagues in the asphalt industry at a regional meeting location and hear the latest on asphalt technology and asphalt activities. Interact with your local colleagues and agency partners through discussion on local issues.



A CalAPA Regional Technical Committee meeting held in the Bay Area.

The April 3 meetings will include a "simulcast" presentation broadcast at each location. The topic is "Evaluating High RAP Mixes: UCPRC Overview of Current Research." This presentation will be delivered by Dr. John Harvey, Director of the University of California Pavement Research Center (UCPRC) at UC Davis. Harvey will provide an overview of UCPRC's research related to the use of RAP in asphalt mixes. The Center's efforts include lab, full-scale test track and field evaluations. Harvey will also provide current research activities across the United States and how agencies and the industry can assist in current UCPRC research efforts.

Following the "simulcast," meeting participants at each location will be able to discuss technical issues of local interest in an informal setting that encourages maximum interaction.

The following is the list of regional meeting locations:

#### San Diego

County of San Diego  
5530 Overland Avenue  
1st Floor Training Room #124  
San Diego, CA 92123

#### Los Angeles/High Desert

Orange County Public Works  
1152 Fruit Street - Conference Room A  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Contact: Brandon Milar 9916)  
791-5044

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**ProVAL pavement software workshop**  
**Monday, April 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

National University,  
Sacramento Campus  
2860 Gateway Oaks Drive  
Bldg. B, Ste. 100,  
Sacramento

Register [HERE](#).

Contact: Sophie You (916)  
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'Essentials of HMA Paving Smoothness' class  
**Tuesday, April 9, 8 a.m. to noon**

National University, 2860  
Gateway Oaks Drive, Building  
B, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA

Contact: Sophie You (916)  
791-5044  
Register [HERE](#).

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'Essentials of HMA Paving Smoothness' class  
**Wednesday, April 10, 8 a.m. to noon**

National University, Fresno  
45 E. River Park Place West,  
Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Contact: Sophie You (916)  
791-5044  
Register [HERE](#).

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#### **REGISTRATION OPEN!**

**Southern California Contractors' Dinner**

**Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Dal Rae Restaurant, 9023  
Washington Blvd., Pico  
Rivera.

Details [HERE](#).

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**Transportation Construction Coalition "Fly-in" to Washington, D.C.**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday, May 14-15**

Details [HERE](#).

Contact: Russell Snyder (916)  
791-5044.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Day at the Races**  
**Saturday, July 20, noon to**

#### **Bakersfield**

Granite Construction  
3005 James Road  
Bakersfield CA 93308

#### **San Francisco Bay Area**

City of San Jose Public Works - Engineering Services  
1661 Senter Road Bldg A  
2nd Floor Training Room  
San Jose, CA 95112

#### **Sacramento area**

CalAPA Offices  
1550 Harbor Blvd  
Conference Room 208 - 2nd floor  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

For more information on participating in CalAPA Regional Technical Committee meetings, contact Brandon Milar of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

## **Industry voices concern to state air quality regulators over local air monitoring panels, possible changes in emissions reporting**

Stringent new emissions reporting requirements brought about by legislation passed two years ago, AB617, is giving rise to powerful local citizen panels that appear positioned to place additional restrictions on stationary facilities, including asphalt plants.

The California Air Quality Management District (CARB) scheduled a series of workshops last month in Sacramento, Oakland, San Diego, Los Angeles and Fresno where significant changes to the AB617 reporting thresholds were discussed. The official CARB webpage with additional information on the program is [HERE](#).

CalAPA has formally lodged a complaint with CARB about what the association deemed as an overly aggressive and unrealistic timeline for implementing AB617, particularly the provisions that seek to standardize air quality reporting statewide.



The flurry of activity in recent weeks month stems from a bill introduced into the California Legislature in 2017, AB617, by Assemblywoman Christina Garcia, D-Bell Gardens (58th Assembly District), which requires CARB, working with local air districts, to develop a uniform statewide system of annual monitoring and reporting of emissions from stationary sources, with criminal and civil penalties for non-compliance, and support the formation of local community air boards. A link to the full bill text is [HERE](#).

Some key features of AB617 include:

- Identification of adversely communities impacted by air pollution.
- Developing a statewide air monitoring plan (rather than regional plans that are in place now).
- Creating district and community-operated networks.
- Publishing data collected by facilities and citizens statewide on the internet.
- Developing state and district emission reduction strategies.
- Creation of a statewide BACT/BARCT Clearinghouse ("Best Available Control Technology / Best Available Retrofit Control Technology").
- Development of system to input new determinations on

6 p.m.  
Del Mar Race Track  
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.,  
Del Mar  
Contact: Sophie You (916)  
791-5044  
[Details HERE](#).

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**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference, Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 6-7**  
Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard St., Sacramento  
Contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044 for sponsorship and exhibitor information.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**CalAPA Annual Dinner Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
Jonathan Club, 545 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.  
Contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044 for sponsorship and table-reservation information.

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- A uniform system of statewide emissions reporting.
- Development of a statewide pollution mapping tool.

Air district regulators say they want to avoid duplicative reporting to CARB and local air districts, but industry continues to raise concerns in this area, and local air districts privately fret about the aggressive implementation schedule and resources needed to implement the new law.

In a March 4 letter to CARB, CalAPA formally requested an extension of the official public comment period "so that we may educate our industry about what is being proposed and try to understand how it will impact the industry."

Numerous other regulatory hearings by other governmental entities are happening simultaneously this Spring, straining our ability to provide the type of practical insight you seek."

At a meeting with CARB staff on Friday, members of CalAPA and the California Construction & Industrial Materials Association

(CalcIMA) further detailed concerns with the AB617 implementation, including worries it will further delay or complicate the already arduous process to secure and maintain local air district permits.

Adding further urgency is growing angst over SB1, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017. Passed by two-third majorities in the Senate and Assembly, and protected by voters in two statewide ballot measures last year (Proposition 6 and Proposition 69), the \$5 billion-per-year tax increase to improve transportation is not resulting in repair work fast enough to satisfy critics of the bill. Industry argues that piling on additional red tape poses risks to the prompt delivery of SB1-funded projects.

The AB617 mandate also further hampers recent efforts by the asphalt industry to work collaboratively with local air districts on permitting issues.

For more information on this issue, CalAPA members should consult a "Member Alert" sent on March 1. Further developments will be reported on by *Asphalt Insider* as events warrant.

## → Registration open for next Southern California paving contractor & general membership dinner May 14 in Pico Rivera

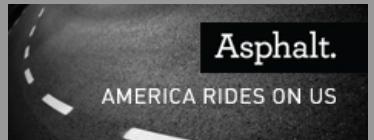
The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee cordially invites all CalAPA members to attend the next contractor dinner & general membership meeting, which will take place Tuesday, May 14 at the venerable Dal Rae restaurant in Pico Rivera. Details and on-line registration can be found [HERE](#).

In addition to the sumptuous food that has made the Dal Rae a local landmark, the dinner will feature an entertaining and informative program that promises to have something for everyone.



*Scott Taylor, Taylor Environmental Services and co-chair of the CalAPA Environmental Committee, presented on AB617 at the Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference in Ontario last month. He also attended a meeting with CARB staff on Friday.*

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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

The featured presentation will be delivered by new CalAPA Regional Director Bill Knopf, a longtime Indiana asphalt pavement association executive before joining the staff of CalAPA last month. His presentation will provide a compelling "real-world" case study about the power of collective action when navigating legal, ethical and technical minefields that may arise when dealing with public agencies. The lessons are universal and can apply to any state or local jurisdiction.



**Bill Knopf**

The program will also feature a "Technical Tidbit" by Steve Marvin of Labelle Marvin, and an insurance & surety update by Steve Cota of Patriot Risk & Insurance. Contractor dinners are a great way to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and have a great time in the process. This exclusive event is open to CalAPA members and their invited guests (future members) only.

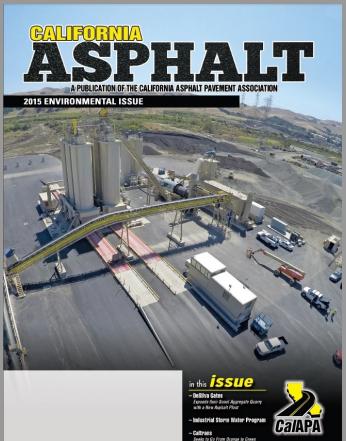
Space is limited so early registration is strongly recommended and must be completed on-line. The \$59 "early-bird" discount pricing ends May 7. Registration questions may be directed to Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044. Questions about the dinner program may be directed to CalAPA Regional Director Bill Knopf at (442) 400-9697.



*Attendees at a previous CalAPA Southern California Contractor Dinner at the Dal Rae (left to right): Tom Hughes, Champion Paving; Russell Snyder, CalAPA; Len Nawrocki, Valero; Jeff Benedict, Valero; Juan Forster and Carlos Hernandez. Nawrocki, Forster and Hernandez are members of the CalAPA "Hall of Fame."*

## → Call for technical presentations: Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference in Sacramento

The planning committee for the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference is accepting recommendations for technical presentation topics to be delivered at the Sacramento event.



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

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## GET CERTIFIED!



The Caltrans-industry Joint Training & Certification Program (JTCP) for materials technicians is holding classes in Northern and Southern California. Click [HERE](#) to visit our JTCP resource page to learn more.

The conference is scheduled to take place Nov. 6-7 at a new location this year: the Sacramento Hilton Arden West Hotel, 2200 Harvard Street in Sacramento. More than 200 industry and agency personnel are expected to attend.

Scheduled speakers will include Jay Hansen, executive vice president of the National Asphalt Pavement Association, who will discuss federal transportation issues, and a special appearance by a figure of historical significance who will be announced later.



Direct topic and presenter suggestions to CalAPA Director of Technical Services Brandon Milar at (916) 791-5044. Ideas can also be posted via our on-line web comment form [HERE](#). For inquiries about event sponsorships or to reserve exhibition space, contact CalAPA Member Services Manager Sophie You.

To get an indication of topics that make it on to conference programs, click [HERE](#) to view the Day 1 agenda of last year's Fall Conference, and click [HERE](#) to view the Day 2 agenda. The combined agenda for this year's SpringConference held last month in Ontario is [HERE](#).



*Jay Hansen with NAPA, speaking at a previous CalAPA conference in 2013.*

## → Tech Term of the Week

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

**QUARTERING:** Dividing into four equal parts, so that each part is truly representative of the whole. Applied generally in obtaining representative samples.

## → 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](#).*

**SITE PREPARATION:** If overlaying an existing or milled surface, has the surface been cleaned/swept and given a full "tack coat" (a bonding agent between the two surfaces)? What is the specified coverage rate for the prime/tack coat? Is the application uniform? Has the material been given enough time to "break" (evaporate the water)?

## → Quote of the Week

"Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbon."

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Sincerely,

**Russell W. Snyder, CAE**  
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