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Southern California
Contractors' Dinner
Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.
to 9 p.m.
Dal Rae Restaurant, 9023 E.
Washington Blvd., Pico
Rivera.
Details [HERE](#).

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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.

→ Assemblyman visits Joint Training & Certification Program class at CSULB

Sometimes you just need to see something in person. On Friday, that person was Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell, who is chair of the Assembly Education Committee and a member of the Transportation Committee.

He returned to the campus of California State University, Long Beach, his alma mater, to witness the convergence of SB1 road-repair work, job-creation, education and accountability.

All of those subjects are of great interest to the Legislature, and in particular the elected officials who voted for SB1, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017. They want to see those billions of tax dollars put into action quickly fixing crumbling pavement and aging bridges, stimulating the economy and providing a steady pipeline of skilled workers to perform the work.

Now in Year 2 of operation, the Caltrans Joint Training & Certification Program is training and certifying hundreds of materials technicians to ensure they are performing materials sampling and testing to exacting national standards.

In the classes, industry and agency personnel learn side-by-side from experienced instructors and are held to the same standards of proficiency.

Public agencies that ultimately purchase the construction materials used for transportation improvement projects benefit from greater accountability and confidence that the materials will perform as expected. An in-depth article about the program was featured in the current issue of CalAPA's *California Asphalt* magazine, which can be viewed on-line [HERE](#).

"As a member of the Assembly Transportation Committee and Chair of the Education Committee, I understand the intersection between fixing our roads and educating the employees that perform the work," O'Donnell, D-Long Beach, told the magazine. "A big part of SB 1 is accountability, and this



CSULB's Dr. Shadi Saadeh (right) shows Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell (second from right) the gradation testing station during a Joint Training & Certification Program lab tour Friday. Also pictured are (from left) CSULB College of Engineering Dean Dr. Forouzan Golshani and Caltrans State Materials Engineer Dan Speer.

'Asphalt Pavement 101' class
Wednesday, May 22, 8 a.m. to noon
National University, Redding Campus, 760 Cypress Ave., Suite 201, Redding.
Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044.
Details [HERE](#).

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RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
Day at the Races
Saturday, July 20, noon to 6 p.m.
Del Mar Race Track
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar
Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044
Details [HERE](#).

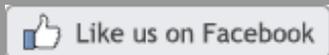
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SAVE THE DATES!
Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference, Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 6-7
Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard St., Sacramento
Contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044 for sponsorship and exhibitor information.

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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.

SOCIALIZE



innovative training and certification program will ensure that the workers who test construction materials are highly qualified, and taxpayers are getting what they pay for."

After receiving a briefing about Cal State Long Beach by Dr. Forouzan Golshani, dean of the College of Engineering, and Dr. Shadi Saadeh, a professor of engineering and JTCP Program Manager, O'Donnell was led on a tour of the CSULB materials lab to see one of the JTCP classes in action. Participating in the tour was Dan Speer, state materials engineer for Caltrans and head of the Materials Engineering & Testing Services (METS) branch, Tim Greutert, Chief, Office of Roadway Materials Testing for Caltrans, and Jeremy Peterson-Self, the Caltrans engineer in charge of managing the program and overseeing the contract with Cal State Long Beach to deliver the training in Long Beach and on the campus of San Jose State University.



A technician performs a soils test under the watchful eye of a Joint Training & Certification Program examination proctor.

A teacher by profession, O'Donnell peppered the group with questions about the curriculum, testing, the experience of people going through the program and the outcomes.

In addition to ensuring materials tester competence, JTCP also boasts numerous other derivative benefits, such as improving communication between industry and agency personnel, and even imparting practical knowledge to the university engineering students who assist in the logistics of delivering the program. Two recent CSULB graduates, Saadeh reported, were recently hired by Caltrans, which is filling numerous positions to fill vacancies due to retirements and the increased workload brought on by SB1.



Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell (center) talks with Caltrans State Materials Engineer Dan Speer (left) and Jeremy Peterson-Self, the Caltrans JTCP program manager. The CSULB campus is in O'Donnell's district.

For more information on the Joint Training & Certification Program, click [HERE](#) to go to the official website. The program is actively recruiting for instructors for the program. A CalAPA web page of JTCP-related resources is [HERE](#). Additional photos from Friday's tour can be found on the CalAPA Facebook page [HERE](#).

→ A few spots left for Tuesday's Southern California Paving Contractor Dinner at the Dal Rae restaurant in Pico Rivera

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee cordially invites all CalAPA members to attend the next contractordinner & general membership meeting, which will take place Tuesday, May 14 at the venerable Dal Rae restaurant in Pico Rivera. A few spots are still available.

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



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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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dinner will feature an entertaining and informative program that promises to have something for everyone.

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 earlier this year. 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 an always entertaining and informative "Technical Tidbit" by Steve Marvin of Labelle Marvin. 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. 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.



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→ Job opportunity: Senior Lab Technician

CalAPA member DeSilva Gates Materials is advertising for a senior lab technician to work in the San Francisco Bay area. The position requires a high-school education or GED, and two- to three-years of experience in Quality Control Hot Mix Asphalt testing.

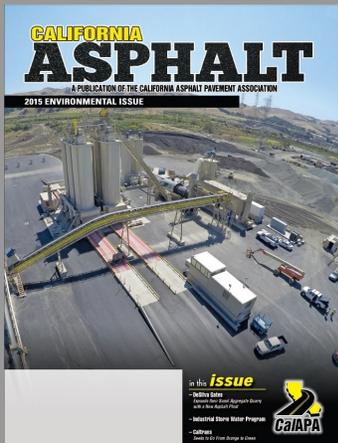
The successful candidate will be able to understand how to interpret test results and data, the ability to make adjustments to Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) mixes when needed, direct work flow and teach junior technicians, report test results to the Quality Control / technical manager, and prepare a daily recap of test results.



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



CalAPA produces a highly regarded magazine, *California Asphalt*, and an annual membership directory. To view current and past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#). For advertising sales information, click [HERE](#) or call Kerry Hoover with Construction Marketing Services at (909) 772-3121.

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For more information, contact Tracy Zubek of DeSilva Gates at (925) 292-2995. The company website is [HERE](#).

→ Free NAPA 'webinar' on sustainable pavements to be held May 16

The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA), a CalAPA partner, will hold another free "webinar" on the subject of sustainability and asphalt pavements. Details and on-line registration information is available via the NAPA website [HERE](#).

The webinar, "A Practical Guide to Sustainable Asphalt Pavements Part 2: Sustainability Specifics," will take place at a computer or other electronic device near you on Thursday, May 16 from 11 a.m. PDT to 12:30 p.m. PDT.

The presenters will be Steve Muench, Tom and Marilyn Draeger / The Beavers Charitable Trust Professor, University of Washington; and Dr. Adam Hand, Associate Professor, University of Nevada Reno.



Dr. Adam Hand with the University of Nevada, Reno, spoke at a recent CalAPA conference.

This webinar provides sustainability specifics that can be utilized by asphalt paving contractors, mix suppliers, design engineers, owners, and others in the asphalt pavement industry. It explores the elements of a sustainable strategy, and the business case for incorporating sustainability into a company's activities. This is the second episode of a four-part webinar series that accompanies NAPA's forthcoming publication series, "Sustainable Asphalt Pavements, A Practical Guide."

Some key takeaways from the webinar will be:

- Understanding a practical definition of sustainability as it applies to the asphalt pavement industry.
- Explaining the four basic business opportunities for sustainability.
- Understanding how sustainability can help a business create value over the long term.

Other upcoming webinars on a variety of topics will be held in the months ahead. For the full schedule, click [HERE](#) to visit the NAPA webinar page.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE: A planned treatment on a road in good condition that is intended to preserve the system, retard future deterioration, prolong service life and delay the need for rehabilitation.

→ Paving Pointer of the Week



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.

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We can bring CalAPA's popular training classes to your facility at a date and time convenient to you! Click [HERE](#) to view our "hosted" training class flier, or contact CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for details. This service is available to public agencies and CalAPA members only.



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](#).

LAYDOWN TEMPERATURE: Paving is not advised if the air and surface temperatures are too cold. An air temperature of 40°F is a minimum before paving should be allowed to begin. If paving must go ahead despite the temperature, discuss with your contractor the possible benefits of warm-mix asphalt or other materials/technologies or techniques that may improve pavement quality when paving in colder weather.

→ Quote of the Week

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

Walt Disney

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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Executive Director

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