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CALENDAR

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

SIGN-UP NOW!

Southern California Paving Contractor Gourmet Food & Wine-Tasting Event
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula
Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044
Details [HERE](#).

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REGISTRATION OPEN!

CalAPA Annual Golf Tournament
Thursday, Sept. 12, 8 a.m. shotgun start
Temecula Creek Inn Golf Resort, 44501 Rainbow Canyon Road, Temecula.
Contact: Sophie You (916) 791-5044
Sign-up [HERE](#).

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.

→ Caltrans releases pavement smoothness adjustment spreadsheet training videos

For as long as there have been cars and roads, smoothness is the pavement characteristic noticed and valued most by motorists. As technology and paving techniques have progressed over the years, so has the desire by public agencies to improve this aspect of the streets and highways under their charge.

A pavement-smoothness initiative by the California Department of Transportation that began ramping up in 2014 ultimately resulted in major changes to the department's pavement smoothness specifications, but they were met with widespread criticism by contractors, expensive claims and unfavorable media coverage.

TECH REPORT

In 2018, the department hit the reset button, launching a collaborative effort involving CalAPA and other industry stakeholders to gather industry suggestions, review the specifications and make changes to ensure they were reasonable and achievable.

To date, Caltrans has designed over 70 projects with the new smoothness specifications, and several are already under construction. Initial reports are encouraging, and suggest that projects under the new specifications should have a reasonable chance to meet department expectations of a measurable and noticeable improvement in pavement smoothness without excessive grinding and other costly mitigation.

The new specification requires the contractor to conduct several inertial profiler readings of the pavement pegged to specific construction activities. When verified by Caltrans, the data from all of these profiles are used to determine smoothness targets, post-construction values and pay adjustments.

To process and evaluate the data and calculate adjustments, Caltrans developed a spreadsheet, which can be found [HERE](#).



Instructor George Chang with the Transtec Group (right) speaks with Alan King of the Caltrans Division of

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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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To assist both the contractor and Caltrans personnel in properly completing the spreadsheet, Caltrans recently posted training videos on how to use ProVAL (the profile data analysis tool) and how to utilize the Smoothness Pay Adjustment Spreadsheet. These can be accessed through the Caltrans website or the Caltrans YouTube channel. The most recent video can be found [HERE](#).

Pavements during a break in the ProVal class held April 8 in Sacramento and sponsored by CalAPA.

The Caltrans YouTube channel, where these and other videos are posted, can be found [HERE](#).

CalAPA periodically offers a pavement smoothness class and has included presentations on the new Caltrans pavement smoothness specifications at the association's pavement conferences. To view technical presentations from CalAPA conferences and events, click [HERE](#) to visit the association's SlideShare page.



Caltrans and industry personnel meet at CalAPA offices last year to review and make changes to the Caltrans pavement smoothness specifications.

→ Gourmet food and wine mixer set for Sept. 11 in Temecula in conjunction with CalAPA annual golf tournament

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee cordially invites you to join them for a gourmet food and wine-tasting event to be held Sept. 11 in Temecula -- a perfect pairing with the annual CalAPA golf tournament the next day.

CalAPA paving contractor events are a great way to reconnect with friends and colleagues, develop new relationships, and have a great time to boot!

The CalAPA Contractors' Wine Tasting event will be held at Pechanga Resort & Casino, in Temecula. The event is scheduled for Sept. 11th, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., located in the White Sage Room. The cost per attendee is just \$59 and includes wine and gourmet appetizers. Details and on-line registration is [HERE](#).

The Temecula Valley is Southern California's hot new food and wine destination. During your visit, explore the over 30



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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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

wineries offering award-winning wines, and gourmet food. The association has secured special attendee rates for lodging at Pechanga Resort. Also, consider joining your industry colleagues the following day for the CalAPA Annual Golf Tournament at the Temecula Creek Inn. Details on the golf tournament can be found [HERE](#).



This year's CalAPA golf tournament will be held in an exciting new location at the Temecula Creek Inn, and a gourmet and wine event the day before is the perfect pairing.

Bring your spouse and indulge in an optional spa treatment or nearby shopping, wine tasting and attractions. There are numerous sponsorship opportunities to build your brand and show your support for the industry. Proceeds from the event help underwrite CalAPA scholarships and work-force development activities. For more information on sponsorships, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

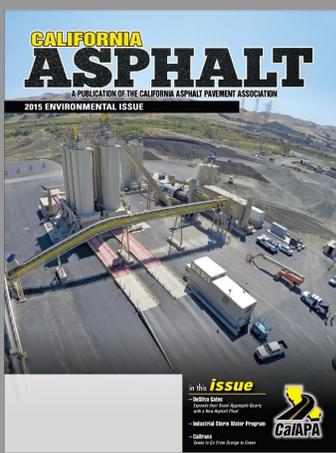


CalAPA has negotiated exclusive lodging arrangements for this year's golf tournament in Temecula, with easy access to wine-tasting, shopping, spa facilities and casino action.

→ CalAPA supporting national 'Women of Asphalt' initiative

Women of Asphalt is a national initiative with deep roots in California, having been prominently featured at CalAPA conferences and on the cover of a special issue of the CalAPA magazine, which can be accessed [HERE](#).

One of the primary goals of Women of Asphalt (WOA) both nationally and here in California is to foster and promote networking and mentoring opportunities. A key objective is to recruit more young women into the industry, including daughters of current industry



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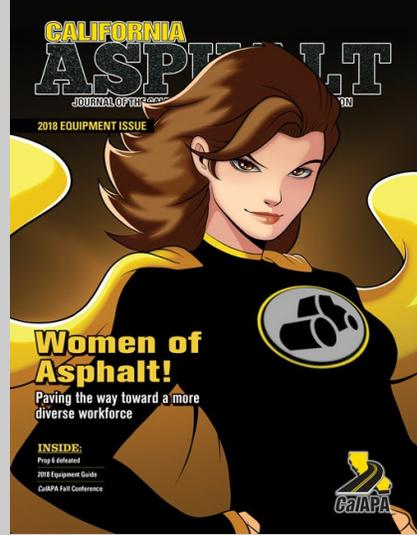
The Caltrans-industry Joint Training & Certification Program (JTCP) for materials technicians is holding classes in Northern and Southern California. Click [HERE](#) to visit our JTCP resource page to learn more.

employees. The national WOA website is [HERE](#).

CalAPA Regional Director Bill Knopf has been coordinating the WOA-related activities in California, and the effort is being led by CalAPA members Lisa Bowman with Bowman Asphalt, Brenda Mooney with Valero, Tracie Moran with United Paving and Sallie Houston with VSS Emultech, a division of George Reed, Inc.

The WOA's new logo incorporates the mission statement, which is to "Lead and Inspire" all women involved in the industry. Six national committees are now being populated: National Events, Communications, Membership, Partnerships, Programs and Branches.

Those from California who would like to participate or support the effort should sign up via the WOA website [HERE](#), or contact Knopf directly at (442) 400-9697. An organizational meeting is planned to be held the morning of Nov. 6 in conjunction with the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference in Sacramento. So far, about two dozen women from California have indicated an interest in participating in the group's activities.



The "Women of Asphalt" initiative was prominently featured in a special issue of the CalAPA magazine.



Participants in a special "Women of Asphalt" event at last year's CalAPA Fall Conference included, from left: Corina Wong with Granite Construction; Amy Miller with the Asphalt Pavement Alliance; Dr. Amy Epps Martin with Texas A&M University; Dr. Rita Leahy, former CalAPA Technical Director; Natasha Ozybko with Road Science, a division of ArrMaz (event sponsor); and Mary Teichert with Teichert Construction.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION: Replacement of an existing pavement structure by the placement of the equivalent of a new pavement structure. Reconstruction usually involves complete removal and replacement of the existing pavement structure and may include new and/or recycled materials.

→ 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](#).

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

"The best revenge is massive success."

Frank Sinatra

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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