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CALENDAR

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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

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.

→ Analysis: Assessing the impact of SB1

Where's the work?

Regular readers of this newsletter, and the CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*, have received in-depth reports regarding the fight for adequate transportation funding, the landmark passage of SB1, the \$50 billion "Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017," and the subsequent ballot fights in 2018 to protect those funds.

Officially, motorists began paying 12 cents more per gallon at the gas pump in November of 2017, and those dollars immediately began flowing to state and local agencies via established formulas to deliver on the promised road-repairs.

Nearly two years later, however, there are persistent reports that the expected frenzy of road repairs, particularly in rural areas, have not yet materialized. Voters, it should be noted, were promised that they would see improvements in every city and every county in California if they voted to protect SB1.

A letter to the editor last week to the *Chico Enterprise Record* by Frances Perata of Chico stated the issue rather plainly: "Would someone please tell me when our streets are going to be repaired? I hate driving anywhere in this city. Haven't the two gas tax hikes given anyone money to get some of these streets fixed? How long will it take before every rut and pothole is fixed?"

Converting dollars to projects motorists will notice, which would seem the most essential priority for state and local public works officials, has been lost amid the din of "complete streets" and "active transportation" initiatives that divert dollars away from cracked pavement and potholes and toward projects intended to promote more walking, biking and other modes of transportation.

Caltrans, meanwhile, is trying to assess the impact of SB1 on its transportation program and the construction industry. It has commissioned a study by an engineering consulting firm, HDR Inc. to survey the industry and assess how SB1 is impacting industry capacity, pricing and ultimately the expectations everyone has for SB1.

HDR has requested CalAPA's assistance in notifying the industry about the on-line survey, which will take about 10 minutes to complete. The deadline to respond in Sept. 9. The survey specifically targeted to construction materials firms is [HERE](#). A separate survey targeted to vendors and other associated firms is [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](#).

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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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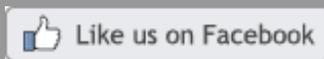
SAVE THE DATE!

**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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As detailed in an Aug. 27 CalAPA "Member Alert," the association is engaging with Caltrans on other "listening" exercises on SB1 capacity issues, and is engaged in the Legislature with regard to bills that the association deems are straying from the core "road repair" and "accountability" provisions of SB1.

CalAPA members, meanwhile, are encouraged to continue to ask their local representatives about how SB1 dollars are being used, and in what form. The most important "accountability" mechanism of SB1, apparently, is all of us.

→ Procrastinator alert: Early-bird pricing extended for CalAPA annual golf tournament Sept. 12 in Temecula

Slots are disappearing faster than a 2-foot putt for the CalAPA Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held Sept. 12 at an exciting new location: the Temecula Creek Inn Golf Resort in Temecula. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line. The last chance for procrastinators to enjoy early-bird discounted pricing for this event is this Friday, Sept. 6.

An optional gourmet food and wine-tasting event will be held Wednesday evening, Sept. 11 at the nearby Pechanga Resort & Casino. Details on that event can be found [HERE](#).

The CalAPA golf tournament, sponsored by the Southern California Contractors' Committee, is one of the premier events of the year for the asphalt pavement industry in California. Reconnect with friends and business associates, make new contacts, and play a championship-caliber course carved of a scenic desert locale that has attracted the rich and famous for decades. Temecula is an easy drive from the L.A.-Orange County area, as well as from the greater San Diego area.



This year's CalAPA golf tournament will be held in an exciting new location at the Temecula Creek Inn.

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.

Based on player feedback from previous events, the tournament schedule this year has been revised. Registration will begin at 6:30 a.m., and the shotgun start will commence at 8 a.m. sharp. There will be a gala luncheon and tournament awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m.



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For those traveling from out of town, the association has negotiated a special discounted room rate of just \$169 at the nearby Pechanga Resort & Casino. Lodging details are on the golf

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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

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tournament registration website. Combining the golf and wine-tasting events tees up a luxurious desert adventure for you and yours minus the big-city hassles and expense.

Contractor Committee invites you to "pile on" to its annual golf tournament.

Since the tournament comes as the paving season is winding down, there is no better opportunity to take some time to treat your employees, favorite customers, spouses or others to some fun in the sun. Add on the optional wine-tasting event or extend it into the weekend and there is no better way to decompress and recharge from a busy construction season.

This event sells out nearly every year so early registration is strongly recommended. Contact CalAPA at (916) 791-5044 for further information.



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.

→ Remembering Wadie Deddeh

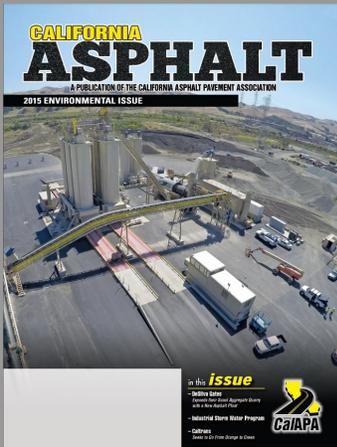
A bright light in transportation history in California flickered and went out last week, but should nevertheless be noted in this space. Wadie Deddeh, a San Diego-area legislator who served 16 years in the Assembly and 11 in the Senate, died at age 98 in Poway. An obituary about him appeared in the *San Diego Union Tribune* [HERE](#).

Known as a champion of transportation, and a pragmatic problem-solver, Deddeh is also known unofficially as the "Father of Caltrans" for authoring the legislation in 1972 that created the California Department of Transportation. Previously, the functions were part of the state Department of Public Works, Division of Highways. The logo then was known in government circles as the "flying tomato," with a red circle and prominent tire with wings, which gave way to the familiar blue and green "ct" logo that is widely known today.

→ Welcome aboard: Kiewit Corp.

CalAPA is pleased to welcome it's newest contractor member, Kiewit Corporation.

Kiewit, originally founded in 1884, is one of the largest construction and engineering organizations in North America. Recent projects undertaken by the company have included several bridge retrofits in



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the San Francisco Bay Area and rebuilding the spillway at Oroville Dam.

An employee-owned company based in Omaha, Neb., Kiewit also has significant mining and off-shore operations, as well as grading projects for residential or commercial development. Its California operations are known as Kiewit Infrastructure West and based in Fairfield.



For more information, click [HERE](#) to visit the company's website.

→ Fact of the week

Eighty percent of construction companies report having a difficult time filling hourly craft positions, a new national survey has found. Details are [HERE](#).

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

COARSE GRADED AGGREGATE: An aggregate having a continuous grading in size of particles from coarse through fine with a predominance of coarse sizes.

→ 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](#).

COMPACTION/DENSITY: The plans and specifications should 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

"To make a great dream come true, the first requirement is a great capacity to dream; the second is persistence."

Cesar Chavez

→ CalAPA offices closed for the Labor Day Holiday

CalAPA offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 3 for normal business hours.

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Sincerely,

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