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## CALENDAR

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L.A.-area Technical Committee meeting  
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m. to noon  
County of Orange, RDMD Conference Room, 1152 Fruit St., Santa Ana  
Contact: Brandon Milar (916) 995-0086  
Click [HERE](#) for details.

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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.

## → Collaboration, gaining knowledge highlight program at annual CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference in Sacramento

There were plenty of take-aways at last week's Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference in Sacramento: Eliminating "no" from the project vocabulary. Stemming a precipitous drop in productivity at the job site. Working collaboratively on funding and innovation.

And, as usual, there were in-depth technical presentations on pavement smoothness, RAP and RAS, compaction, pavement design and more that made for an information-rich two days of learning and networking.

Day 2 keynote speaker Karla Sutliff, Deputy Director for Project Delivery (Chief Engineer) for the California Department of Transportation, highlighted various initiatives where her agency and industry were working together, including specification development, advancing various sustainable "green" initiatives and a joint industry-agency training and certification program for materials technicians.



*Karla Sutliff of Caltrans speaks at the CalAPA Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference last week in Sacramento.*

"I'm particularly encouraged by the shared commitments that have come about over the last two years," she said. "Initiatives aimed at delivering specifications that are truly street-ready, achieving more consistency across California, and doing a much better job of measuring performance."

"I'm also enthused about all of the efforts of CalAPA and others to continue the greening of our road infrastructure," she said. "I was very excited to see some of the next items on your agenda, which tag right into this concept. It's very important to Caltrans, it's very important to me, and it's very important to California."

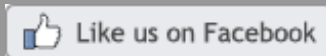
She also noted some industry-highlighted areas the department was working to improve, such as more "helpful" bidder-inquiry responses, and a streamlined new product approval process. The core concept in identifying and working to resolve these and other issues is good

## SAVE THE DATE!

CalAPA Annual Dinner  
Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017  
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
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Contact Sophie You at (916)  
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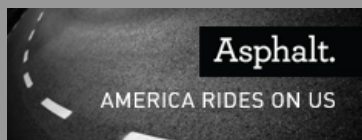
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## GET TECHNICAL

Are you an engineer, designer or technical professional who makes decisions on pavement type selection? The DriveAsphalt website has technical reports and other

communication, she said.

"A big part of the solution lies in all of us becoming better listeners," she said. "High-level problem resolution can only happen by sharing the same vision, and keeping our focus on it as we solve the problems that are obstructing it."

Later in the day, a special panel discussion took place that included real-world examples from the San Francisco International Airport on how effective partnering results in better projects done sooner and with less disruption. The panel discussion, moderated by Sue Dyer of OrgMetrics and founder of the International Partnering Institute, featured, SFO Chief Development Officer Geoff Neumayr, Graniterock Area Manager Terry Tuggey and Rachel Falsetti, chief of the Caltrans Division of Construction.

There was a heavy helping of tech and best-practices at the conference, with presentations on pavement smoothness, Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt, the inner-workings of an asphalt plant, HMA specs for low-volume roads, effective compaction in the field, pavement research being conducted by the University of California Pavement Research Center, and a fresh look at Reclaimed Asphalt Pavements (RAP), Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) and pavement performance.

On Day 1 of the conference, resolving another major problem -- the lack of adequate state funding for transportation -- was addressed by Will Kempton, a former Caltrans director and current executive director of Transportation California, a good-roads advocacy group.

Kempton told about the winding road to a comprehensive transportation funding plan that encountered numerous off-ramps in recent years. A omnibus funding bill remains dormant in the Legislature over a lack of agreement between Democrats and Republicans on how to pay for it.



**Will Kempton of Transportation California gave a funding update.**

Kempton held out hope, although slim, that something could be done after the Nov. 8 election, but conceded that it may end up being another issue that is pushed off until next year.

Kempton gave attendees a "homework assignment" to support the many local transportation-related measures on the ballot on Nov. 8, and to contact their elected representatives to urge them to support a comprehensive state transportation funding plan. "There's lots of work ahead" before the state's broken system of paying for road improvements is fixed, he said.

The agenda for this year's CalAPA Fall Conference is [HERE](#). Technical presentations from the conference can be found on the CalAPA SlideShare page [HERE](#). To see more photos from the conference, click [HERE](#) to visit the CalAPA Facebook Page.

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*Dr. DingXin Cheng with CSU Chico poses a question during the Q&A portion of a technical presentation at the Fall Asphalt Pavement Conference.*

## → Asphalt Pavement Maintenance for Local Agencies class to be held Dec. 1 in Rancho Cordova

A one-day class, "Asphalt Pavement Maintenance For Local Agencies," will be offered by the U.C. Berkeley Tech Transfer program on Dec. 1 in Rancho Cordova in Northern California. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register on-line.

The class is taught by pavement consultant and CalAPA Life Member Roger Smith. It provides a solid working knowledge of the most common pavement maintenance and preservation practices in use today.

Pavements are the largest single asset of most municipalities, and city and county agencies can maximize scarce tax dollars by using proper pavement maintenance and repair strategies as part of their pavement management program.



*Roger Smith (center) chats with attendees on a break during a previous class.*

Topics covered in the class include pavement management system concepts, pavement distress types and causes, asphalt materials, maintenance vs. rehabilitation concepts, repair options and common pavement maintenance and preservation strategies.

The cost of the one-day class is \$225 for public agency representatives and \$450 for all others. For more information, click [HERE](#) to visit the class website or call The Tech Transfer office at 510-643-4393.



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## → L.A.-area Technical Committee meeting to be held Nov. 2 in Santa Ana

CalAPA members and public agency personnel are invited to the CalAPA Los Angeles-area Technical Committee meeting, where technical information and best practices about Hot Mix Asphalt design, construction and testing will be discussed in an informal setting.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the County of Orange RDMD Conference Room, 1152 Fruit St. in Santa Ana. Click [HERE](#) for details or to RSVP.

The meeting will feature an update on various Superpave, RAP-RAS and other specification issues from Brandon Milar, P.E., new Director of Technical Services for CalAPA. Milar will be also updating attendees on the latest issues with respect to the new Caltrans pavement smoothness specification, a proposed HMA-LV specification designed especially for local streets and roads, and other issues of interest to industry and agency personnel.

To read the official announcement about Milar joining CalAPA, click [HERE](#).

For more information about CalAPA regional technical committee meetings or to suggest an agenda topic, contact Milar at (916) 995-0086.



**Brandon Milar, P.E.**

## → 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 AGGREGATE:** Aggregate particles retained on a No. 8 sieve.

## → Quote of the Week

"Well, who you gonna believe, me or your own eyes?"

**Chico Marx**

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Sincerely,

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