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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.

## → State panel of health experts agrees with industry recommendation, deems further study of paving asphalt a 'low priority'

An independent state panel of scientists last week agreed with an industry recommendation, deeming further study of paving asphalt as a potential public health risk a "low priority" during a meeting where paving asphalt, roofing asphalt and a number of other substances were evaluated.

The state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) on Sept. 9, 2016 officially opened a 45-day public comment period leading up to the Nov. 15 meeting of the Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC) in Sacramento.

The CIC is a panel of five scientific experts, appointed by the governor, who provide guidance to the state on which substances should be considered a priority for further study and possible inclusion on the California's official list of Proposition 65 chemicals. Proposition 65, a ballot measure approved by voters in 1986, requires the state to develop a list of substances known to cause cancer and birth defects in humans and that the public be

warned about such hazards. Currently, the official Proposition 65 list includes more than 800 substances, and Proposition 65 warning signs are ubiquitous throughout California.

CalAPA was joined by the National Asphalt Pavement Association and the Asphalt Institute in presenting detailed information on decades of scientific study and regulatory review that found no such risk in the use of paving asphalt in an occupational setting. Non-occupational risk was virtually non-existent, the studies showed.

"From the perspective of the human health evidence, it does seem to have been addressed in a number of forums," said Dr. Peggy Reynolds, a CIC panelist, when commenting on the information presented by industry and OEHHA staff.

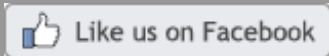


**NAPA's Dr. Howard Marks testifies last week before the a state panel of scientific experts.**

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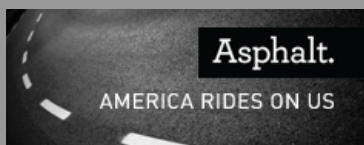


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After reviewing written comments submitted by industry, and listening to testimony by Dr. Howard Marks, NAPA's vice president for Environment, Health & Safety, the panel voted to designate paving asphalt a "low priority" for further study at this time. The only other options available to the panel were "medium" priority and "high" priority. Unlike some other substances, there were no written comments or public testimony about asphalt beyond what was presented by industry.

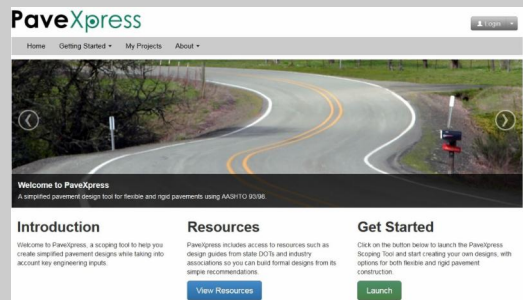
Roofing asphalt, one of the other substances considered, received a "medium" priority, even though it only represents a sliver of the overall roofing market in California. Aspartame, an artificial sweetener, was placed in the "high" category, largely due to the widespread exposure to the public in the form of diet soda and other food.

To read the official comment letter submitted by the asphalt pavement industry to the CIC, click [HERE](#). A previous *Asphalt Insider* story on this topic can be found [HERE](#).

## → Educational 'webinar' on Pavexpress, a free web-based pavement design tool, set for Nov. 29 at a computer near you

The latest update to Pavexpress, the free, web-based pavement design tool, launched on Nov. 1. It now includes new modules for estimating material costs and conducting layered elastic analysis of a pavement structure. The Pavexpress website is [HERE](#).

The new modules build on the existing Pavexpress tools for designing new flexible and rigid pavements, as well as asphalt overlays for maintenance and rehabilitation, and also include an improved user experience on mobile devices.



Development of Pavexpress is underwritten by the Pavement Economics Committee, a pooled fund for research, innovation and education supported by the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the Asphalt Institute and state asphalt pavement associations, including CalAPA.

There are currently more than 15,000 people worldwide who have registered as Pavexpress users since its launch in September 2014. A one-hour webinar highlighting the tool's capabilities will be hosted by the Asphalt Pavement Alliance, a CalAPA partner, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m. PDT (2 p.m. EDT). For more information and to sign up for the webinar, click [HERE](#).

## → Registration open for CalAPA Annual Dinner Jan. 19 in Los Angeles

Registration is now open for the CalAPA Annual Dinner, to take place Thursday, Jan. 19 at the elegant Jonathan Club in Los Angeles. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register on-line.

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Assemblyman Jim Frazier, chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, will be the keynote speaker. He is author of a comprehensive transportation funding bill that would result in \$7 billion more per year above current funding levels.



**Assemblyman Jim Frazier**

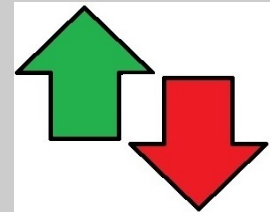
The Jonathan Club is located at 545 S. Figueroa St. in downtown Los Angeles. There are a limited number of rooms available at the historic venue.

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## → Take our annual 'Better-Worse' survey

It's that time of year again -- time to take our brief "Better-Worse" survey. Click [HERE](#) to tell us what you think.

The 1-minute survey, in its seventh year, asks a simple question: Do you think 2017 will be better or worse than 2016 for your company or organization? This year we're adding an optional bonus question: What is the No. 1 challenge you face at work? You may add written comments if you wish.



The results from the non-scientific survey will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Asphalt Insider*, as well as in the annual forecast issue of the official CalAPA magazine, *California Asphalt*.

For a story about the results from last year's survey, click [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.

**CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE:** Maintenance performed once a distress becomes severe enough to cause pavement disintegration, excessive deformation or cracking. It is applied to the pavement (e.g., pothole filling, or spall repair) to repair the specific distress type.

## → Quote of the Week

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

**Winston Churchill**

## → Holiday hours

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CalAPA offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28.

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Sincerely,

**Russell W. Snyder, CAE**

Executive Director  
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