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## CALENDAR

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**[SIGN-UP NOW!](#)**  
Southern California Paving  
Contractor Mixer  
Thursday, Nov. 15, 4:30  
p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
J.T. Schmid's Restaurant &  
Brewery, 2610 E. Katella  
Ave., Anaheim  
Flier [HERE](#). Register [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.

## → The governor gets the (almost) final word on Prop. 6

Jerry Brown has received more votes, in more elections, than any other elected official in California history. Entering the final days of his record 16 years as California's chief executive, his name will never appear on another ballot. Nevertheless, he has a few things to say about Proposition 6 before voters head to the polls tomorrow. You can view his pitch [HERE](#) (Spoiler alert: He's no fan of potholes or crumbling bridges).

Proposition 6 seeks to repeal the gas tax and fees included in SB1, the Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017 signed into law by Brown that has triggered a flurry of road work all across the state.

Proposition 6 would further require future transportation-related tax increases to be put before voters. Considering that 1994 was the last time fuel taxes were increased in California to pay for transportation -- before many of today's new college graduates were even born -- another generation may be doomed to suffer with rutted roads should Proposition 6 pass. Brown's message is about Proposition 6, but it's also the final chapter of his legacy as a politician, his closing argument to historians to judge the totality of his record of public service.



**Gov. Jerry Brown, in TV campaign ad, weighs in on Prop. 6.**

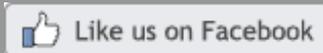
Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Polls in California open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. As always, voters will have the ultimate say on the matter. For non-partisan election information, including where to vote, visit the California Secretary of State election website [HERE](#).

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
CalAPA Annual Dinner  
Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019  
Jonathan Club, 545 S.  
Figueroa St., Los Angeles  
Details soon!

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**SAVE THE DATES!**  
Spring Asphalt Pavement  
Conference & Equipment  
Expo  
Wednesday & Thursday,  
March 20-21, 2019  
DoubleTree Hotel, 222 N.  
Vineyard Ave., Ontario  
Details soon!  
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*CalAPA members Don L. Daley III (left) with California Commercial Asphalt and Brian Handshoe with Kenco Engineering, lobbying for transportation funding in Sacramento earlier this year.*

## → Sign up now for Southern California Paving Contractor networking event set for Nov. 15 in Anaheim

Today is the last day to take advantage of discounted "early bird" pricing for CalAPA's Southern California Paving Contractor social event Nov. 15 in Anaheim.

The Southern California Paving Contractor Committee has set that date for its next industry contractor mixer, to be held at J.T.

Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery in Anaheim, right across the street from the Honda Center arena. The event will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Click [HERE](#) to view the event flier.



*Attendees at a recent CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor mixer.*

Although the event is designed to be a social event, CalAPA's Technical Director, Brandon Milar, P.E., will be on hand to answer questions about recent developments with regard to pavement smoothness, including efforts underway at Caltrans to change the department's pavement smoothness specifications.

Space is limited, and tickets sold quickly for the last event held at

## CHOOSE ASPHALT

Asphalt is used on about 93 percent of paved roads in California and across the U.S. Why? Because it's smooth, quiet, safe, durable and 100 percent recyclable. Visit the [Asphalt Pavement Alliance](#) website learn more about why asphalt is the right choice now more than ever.



## 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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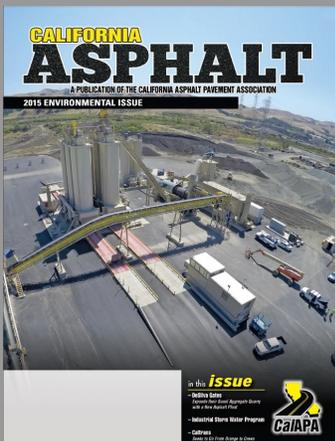
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## MAGAZINE



this location, so early registration is strongly recommended. Click [HERE](#) to register on-line.

For more information, contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044.



*We'll see you at the next CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor mixer, which will be held Nov. 15 in Anaheim.*

## → The gamer's pavement of choice: Asphalt

It's been long established that asphalt, America's favorite paving material, is also beloved by race car drivers heading into the final turn, pilots coming in for a landing and Hollywood location scouts.

Heck, just about every car commercial on TV features this year's model hugging the curves on some scenic asphalt byway, probably filmed by helicopter or drone (Closed road, professional driver. Please do not attempt).

In the gaming world, however, asphalt is a racing rock star. There are more than 2 million apps available on the online Apple Store for your iPhone or iPad, and even more for Android devices, but one of the perennial favorites for several years running is called simply, "Asphalt."



The wildly popular racing game by [Gameloft](#) features exotic supercars and even more exotic locations. First released in 2004 for the Nintendo game platform (when they were still called video games), it eventually migrated to smart phones and tablets and became a sensation. Its newest iteration is called "Asphalt 9: Legends." It just earned the Apple "Editor's Choice" award.

We'd tell you more, but our Lamborghini is warmed up and ready to carve some donuts in the pavement. With apologies to a famous movie line, "We have a need for speed."

## → Free NAPA webinar focuses on tool to quantify cost impacts of asphalt construction

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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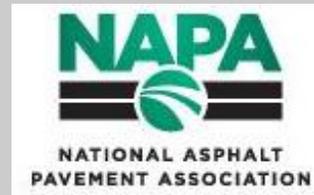
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Auburn University, home to the National Center for Asphalt Technology, has been conducting ground-breaking research on quantifying cost impacts associated with pavement construction. The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) has been highlighting the research in a series of free webinars.

Last month, Auburn University's Dr. Jeff LaMondia discussed the first-of-its-kind research that looked to quantify the impacts associated with asphalt's speed of construction. In the next webinar in the series, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15, he will educate participants on an Excel workbook that is customizable to location, road type, and season. The tool can, quickly and in a statistically significant manner, calculate the impacts of construction, and run scenarios to improve.



There is no cost to participate in the webinar, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Attendees will receive 1.5 hours of Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for their participation.

The webinar will take place on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST. For more information and to sign up, 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.*

**AGGREGATE:** Any hard, inert mineral material used for mixing in graduated fragments. It includes sand, gravel, crushed stone or slag.

## → 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](#).*

**RECORD RETENTION AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION:** Take a final photograph of the site for your records and retain all records from the project including: copies of all truck delivery tickets and record of all the temperature recordings and compaction readings you took during the project.

## → Quote of the Week

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves, and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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.

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Sincerely,

**Russell W. Snyder, CAE**

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