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SEATS STILL AVAILABLE:
'Asphalt Pavement 101' class
Thursday, Feb. 20, 8:30
a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
National University, Redding
Campus
760 Cypress Ave., Suite 201,

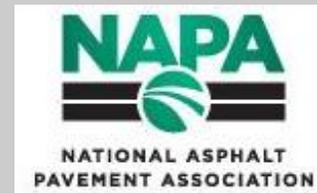
Greetings!

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.

→ CalAPA members Granite, Sully-Miller win national construction awards from NAPA

CalAPA members Granite Construction and Sully-Miller earned national recognition last week for construction projects in California, the National Asphalt Pavement Association announced.

NAPA's Quality in Construction Awards Program recognizes pavements constructed in sustainable and/or innovative ways. Each pavement has to qualify for an award in the Quality in Construction categories: Airport Pavements, General Pavements (under 50,000 tons), or Highway Pavements (over 50,000 tons). An optional section on the nomination form allows applicants to highlight the adaptability and sustainability of the asphalt used on the project. The Green Award is earned by contractors for their use of sustainable practices in the construction of an asphalt pavement.



At NAPA's Annual Meeting held last week in Hawaii, a total of 355 Quality in Construction Awards were announced nationwide, including 17 for projects in California.

In the Airport Pavement category, Sully-Miller, based in Brea, won recognition for the Hollywood-Burbank Airport Taxiway C and D project, as well as the Ontario International Airport Terminal 1 Gates 1-3 Apron and Taxilane G, and the South Cargo Ramp. Granite's Carlsbad office won in the same category for the the San Diego International Airport Taxiways, and the Bakersfield office won for the Meadows Field Airport Runway 12L-30R project in Bakersfield (Green Practices designation).

In the Quality in Construction Awards for paving projects utilizing 50,000 tons of asphalt or more, Granite's Fresno office won recognition for projects on I-5 in Huron (Green Practices and New & Innovative designations), and U.S. 99 in Chowchilla (Green Practices and New & Innovative designations). The company's Santa Barbara office won for the Highway 126 project in Ventura County (Green Practices designation). Sully-Miller won recognition in the same category for the high-profile U.S. 395 project in San Bernardino County.

In the Quality in Construction award category for projects under 50,000 tons, Granite's Bakersfield office won for the Route 395 project in Lone Pine (Green designation), and the State Route 58 project in Kern County (Green and Innovative designations). Granite's Indio operation won for the Box Canyon Road in Mecca, and the

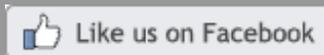
Room 215, Redding
Contact: Sophie You (916)
791-5044
Register [HERE](#).

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JUST ANNOUNCED:
'Quality Asphalt Paving' class
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 8 a.m. to
noon

University of Phoenix, 2860
Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite
100, Sacramento
Contact: Sophie You (916)
791-5044
Register [HERE](#).

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REGISTRATION OPEN
Annual Asphalt Pavement
Conference
April 15-17, 2020
Disney's Grand Californian
Hotel & Spa, 1600 S.
Disneyland Drive, Anaheim
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Madison Street paving project in Indio (Green and Innovative designations).

Granite's Santa Barbara operations won for paving done on U.S. 101 in Santa Barbara County (Green designation), and various paving of roads in Palmdale (Green and Innovative designations). The company's Santa Clara operations were honored for the Blanco Road paving project in Monterey County. Granite's Ukiah office was recognized for the Highway 253 paving in Mendocino County (Green designation).

For more information on NAPA's award programs, contact Kelly Kanaras, NAPA's Director of Awards and Marketing, at (240) 825-4454, or click [HERE](#).

→ California State Transportation Secretary David Kim to speak at CalAPA Asphalt Pavement Conference in April in Anaheim

California State Transportation Secretary David S. Kim will be the keynote speaker at the CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference, which is scheduled for April 15-17 in Anaheim. Details about the conference, including on-line registration, can be found [HERE](#).

Kim, a former Federal Highway Administration official who was appointed last year by Gov. Gavin Newsom to be the state's top transportation executive, will outline the Newsom administration's priorities as they relate to transportation and the oversight and delivery of projects funded by SB1, the \$50 billion Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017. His official biography is [HERE](#).



David S. Kim

Also added to the program will be nationally known partnering expert Sam Hassoun, author of an upcoming book on the subject, who will discuss the importance of effective partnering between private contractors and public agencies.

Hassoun, founder and president of GLA Corp., formerly worked for Bechtel and Caltrans before launching his own firm. He was recently featured in a profile in *Engineering News Record*, which can be viewed [HERE](#).

The conference will also feature a program of subject-matter experts presenting on a wide array of topics of interest to the asphalt pavement industry and agency personnel, including asphalt pavement design and construction, new specifications, equipment and test methods, regulatory matters and more. The event for the first time will take place at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Resort, an iconic venue that boasts something for everyone. Exclusive discounted rates for rooms and park tickets are available to conference attendees, but quantities



Sam Hassoun

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are limited and early registration is strongly advised. Details on the conference can be found on the event website [HERE](#).

For event and sponsorship information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.



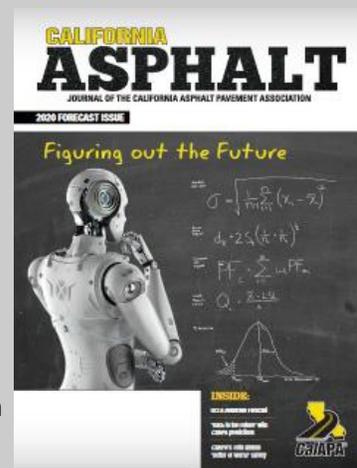
→ 2020 Forecast issue of CalAPA magazine 'California Asphalt' now on-line

The special 2020 forecast issue of CalAPA's official magazine, "*California Asphalt*," is arriving in mailboxes around the state and is now available on-line. You can view an interactive, 3-D version of the issue [HERE](#).

The issue features in-depth reporting on the expected construction market in California this year, as well as results from CalAPA's exclusive "better-worse" survey of asphalt industry and agency personnel.

The issue also includes the latest UCLA Anderson Forecast for California and the nation, which relies heavily on information from the construction market to inform its projections.

In addition to reporting on CalAPA's fearless predictions of the top news stories that will impact the industry in 2020, the issue also takes a humorous look at some predictions from past years, almost all of which came to pass (with a few notable exceptions).



To view an archive of past issues of the magazine, click [HERE](#). For information on advertising, click [HERE](#) or contact Kerry Hoover at Construction Marketing Services at (909) 772-3121.

→ Safety checklists now available on CalAPA website

The CalAPA Southern California Paving Contractor Committee has launched an initiative to breathe new life into safety programs, which has resulted in the publication of safety checklists for asphalt pavement project managers, paving crews and plant operators.

The checklists, which are in PDF format, can be downloaded from the



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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

CalAPA Safety Page [HERE](#).

The checklists cover everything from pre-construction startup, work zone evaluation, plant safety best practices, daily operations and project shutdown. As new workers continue to come into the asphalt pavement industry, the CalAPA strategic plan has identified work-force development and training as a top priority, particularly as it relates to safety. The checklists may represent a refresher for experienced hands as well as an important tool for newer workers.



CalAPA extends its appreciation to the Indiana Asphalt Pavement Association for sharing similar tools developed in that state, which were modified for use in California.

For more information on the origin and use of these checklists, contact CalAPA Regional Director Bill Knopf, who is principal staff to the Southern California Paving Contractor's Committee, at (442) 400-9697.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): An inquiry a contractor makes to a project owner, typically in writing, prior to submitting a bid on a project. The RFI generally seeks additional information or clarification on a specific aspect of the contract documents, plans or specifications.

→ 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: Check pavement temperature before compaction begins. Don't rely solely on an infrared temperature gauge. Have a probe thermometer on hand to check the internal temperature of the mat. The ability to achieve proper compaction requires a mat temperature of 175 degrees or greater. Do not let roller operators park equipment on the fresh mat while compaction is ongoing.

→ Quote of the Week

"It is an immutable law that in the pitched battle between perception and reality, perception always wins."

Steven Fink

our JTCP resource page to learn more.

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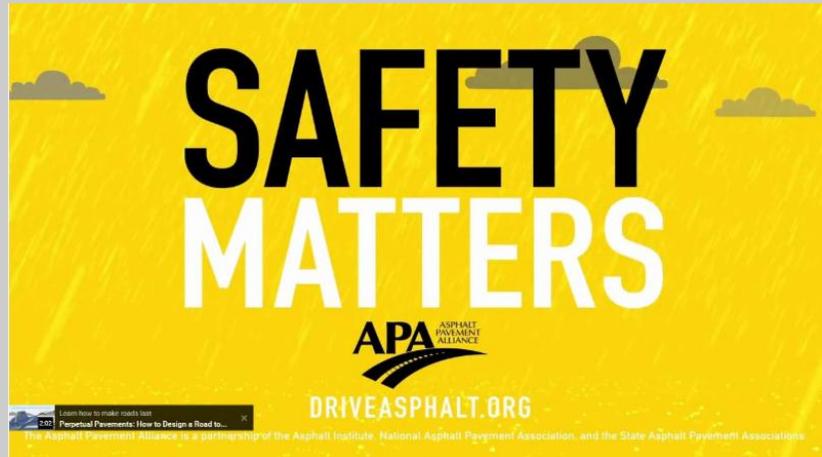
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Sincerely,

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