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'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

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.

→ Speakers added to Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference April 15-18 at Disney's Grand Californian in Anaheim

A noted expert on the construction industry work-force will address the talent shortage and what to do about it. An asphalt plant operations guru will offer tips on how to deliver many types of quality mixes at the same time. Yet another expert will delve into new rules covering diesel truck emissions, and how to keep them from ruining your business.

These and two dozen other speakers and presenters will be featured at this year's CalAPA Spring Asphalt Pavement Conference, which will be held April 15-18 at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa in Anaheim. Registration is open now via the event website [HERE](#). A special discounted rate on rooms at the Grand Californian are going fast, so early registration is strongly recommended. Select sponsorships are still available.



Sue Weiler-Doke

The biggest program ever offered by the association brings together respected presenters from around the country, such as the National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University and the Federal Highway Administration.

Previously announced speakers include California State Transportation Secretary David S. Kim, and partnering guru-author Sam Hassoun, president and founder of GLA Corp.

They will be joined by Sue Weiler-Doke with D.Brown & Associates, who will reprise her popular presentation on the work-force challenge that she delivered at the CalAPA Fall Conference in Sacramento.



Randy West

Randy West, director of the National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University, will conduct a Balanced Mix Design symposium in conjunction with the conference. Dennis Dvorak with the Federal Highway Administration, will present on elements of a successful Quality Assurance program.

Drew Delaney with Associates Environmental will provide an update on diesel truck emissions regulations, and two veteran industry experts, Tony Limas with Granite Construction and

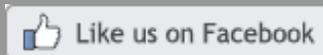
Register [HERE](#).

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REGISTRATION OPEN:
Annual Asphalt Pavement
Conference

April 15-17, 2020
Disney's Grand Californian
Hotel & Spa, 1600 S.
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Contact Sophie You at (916)
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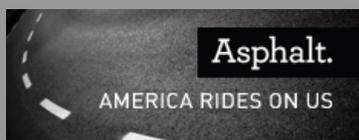


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GET TECHNICAL

Are you an engineer, designer or technical professional

Pascal Mascarenhas, recently retired from Vulcan Materials, will present on the utilization of Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) and Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) in pavement mixes, and the use of Statistical Pay Factors.



Dennis Dvorak

A panel of experts drawn from industry and agencies will address the current regulatory climate in California, and individual sessions will cover new pavement smoothness specifications, tips to run an efficient and profitable asphalt plant operation, AB617 emissions inventory implementation, and specifying asphalt for local agencies.

A detailed agenda of the various conference speakers and topics can be found [HERE](#).

A few choice spots are still available for those seeking to reserve their place on the trade show floor. For more information, contact Sophie You of CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

→ Federal transportation outlook: gloomy with no chance of rain

Divisiveness, dysfunction and "D.O.A." (Dead on Arrival) seem to be the operative words to describe Washington these days, particularly when it comes to transportation funding.

President Trump, who on Election Night in 2016 promised to deliver a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan, has done nothing of the sort. His most recent budget, released earlier this month, included a reference to a 10-year, \$810 billion surface transportation bill reauthorization, but once again did not offer a way to pay for it. President Obama, it should be noted, previously offered a more modest \$500 billion plan and also no financing mechanism, effectively kicking the can down the road and into a giant pothole.



Several presidential candidates seeking to replace Trump this November also are talking infrastructure but offering no realistic way to pay for it. The Infrastructure Forum held Feb. 16 in Las Vegas featured presidential contenders Joe Biden, Amy Klobuchar, Pete Buttigieg and Tom Steyer. Tellingly, none of the four proposed an increase in the federal fuel tax to pay for transportation, similar to what California and dozens of other states have done in recent years at the state level.

Election-year politics mean a third of U.S. Senators and all 425 members of the U.S. House of Representatives will face voters in November, making prospects gloomy for any grand infrastructure bargain happening in 2020, raining down federal dollars into state transportation coffers.

Undaunted, transportation advocates plan to keep up the pressure on elected officials throughout the year, including on May 13-14, when the Transportation Construction Coalition holds its annual "Fly-in" to Washington, D.C. The National Asphalt Pavement Association, a

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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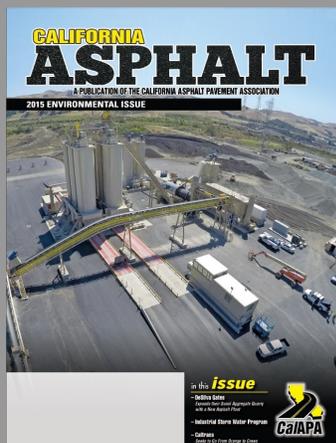
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BACK ISSUES

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CalAPA produces a highly

CalAPA partner, will be coordinating various activities on Capitol Hill, and CalAPA will be leading a delegation to meet with members of California's Congressional delegation. For more information, contact CalAPA at (916) 791-5044.

→ Procrastinator alert: A few seats left for CalAPA's 'Quality Asphalt Paving' class Feb. 25 in Sacramento

A few seats are left for CalAPA's popular "Quality Asphalt Paving" class, which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25 in Sacramento. Details and on-line registration is [HERE](#).

The intensive and lively half-day training class covers new pavement specifications, paving techniques and owner expectations. The class instructor, Skip Brown, is a longtime paving company owner turned consultant (or, as he likes to say, "INSultant") who has personally supervised the placement of more than 4 million tons of asphalt on California streets, highways and parking lots. He will provide a practical, "boots on the ground" course for what makes for a high-quality paving operation, best practices as well as how to identify and avoid problems. What you don't know can cost you!



Skip Brown teaches a recent "Quality Asphalt Paving" class for industry and agency personnel.

The class will cover the basics of asphalt pavement design, binders & aggregates, current specifications, hauling operations, paving & rolling, compaction & finishing, thin-lifts, fabric, slurry seal and safety best practices. Skip's lively and engaging presentation style and personal stories make the class fun and memorable!

All class attendees will receive a reference booklet that includes copies of the slide presentation, key acronyms, glossary and other valuable reference items for future use. Attendees will also receive a handsome certificate of completion documenting that they have completed four (4) Professional Development Hours (PDH) of technical instruction.

The class will be held at the University of Phoenix, 2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100 in Sacramento. CalAPA can bring technical classes to your workplace. For information on our popular "on-demand" class offerings, click [HERE](#), or contact Sophie You at (916) 791-5044.

→ Tech Term of the Week

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

EARTHWORK: The work consisting of the construction of the roadway, excluding bridges, pavement structure, and selected capping material.

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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DESIGN!



To visit the PAVEXpress website, click [HERE](#). To view the companion website, Pavelnstruct, click [HERE](#).

→ 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 specify that 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.

→ Safety Tip of the Week

Each week we highlight a key tip or best practice to ensure that asphalt plants and paving projects are safe, comply with appropriate regulations and are accident-free. We welcome suggestions. More tips can be found in our *Safety Checklists* posted on our *Safety Page* [HERE](#).

POSTINGS: Ensure all required federal and state occupational safety & health regulations and standards are posted at the plant or job site in a place that is easily accessed by employees.

→ Quote of the Week

"A thermostat shapes the climate of opinion; a thermometer just reflects it."

Cornel West

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.

Sincerely,

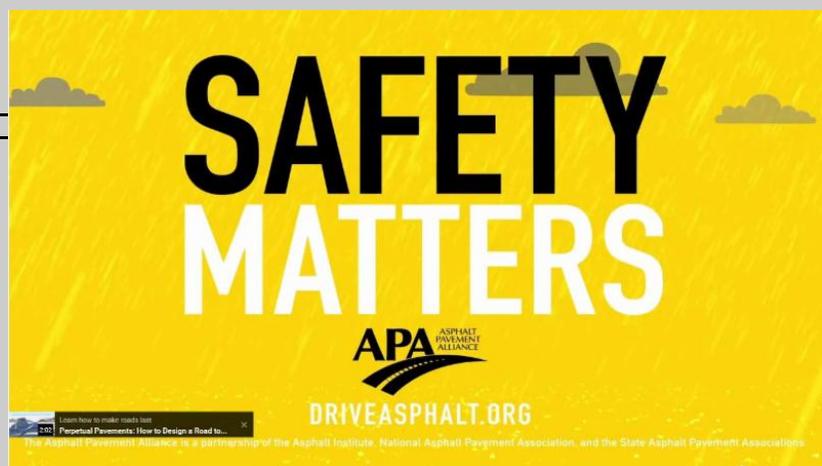
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Visit the CalAPA Safety resources page [HERE](#).

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