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## BRANDON MILAR NAMED DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

Brandon Milar, P.E., a well-known name in the asphalt industry in California and nationally for more than 20 years, was named Director of Technical Services for the California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA), it was announced today. His first day on the job will be Oct. 17.

“Brandon Milar is well-known and respected in our industry and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this important position,” said John Greenwood, General Manager of California Commercial Asphalt and CalAPA’s 2016 Chairman. “He will be a valuable technical resource for our members and our agency partners.”

As an outgrowth of its recently updated strategic plan, CalAPA announced a reorganization of its operations earlier this year to place a greater emphasis on technical expertise and technical knowledge-transfer in the area of asphalt pavements.

Milar (Pronounced: mih-LARR), who was hired following a nationwide recruitment, replaces Dr. Rita B. Leahy, who retired in July, although she has stayed on in a limited capacity as a consultant to assist with the transition. “It’s great news that Brandon is joining CalAPA,” Leahy said. He’s technically rock-solid and politically savvy. I hold him in high regard.”



**Brandon Milar, P.E.**

Milar is a familiar figure in the industry, having served as Executive Director for the Northern California Asphalt Pavement Association, from 2002 to 2008, which was prior to a merger with its Southern California-based counterpart in 2012 that created a single statewide asphalt association known as CalAPA. Milar also worked previously for Kaiser Cement / Kaiser Sand & Gravel, SemMaterials, Telfer Pavement Technologies and Ingevity. He also has agency experience, having worked in a civil engineering capacity with the Yolo County Planning & Public Works Department. He is a graduate of California State University, San Luis Obispo with a degree in civil engineering, and is a licensed civil engineer in California.

“I’m very pleased that Brandon Milar will be the next CalAPA Technical Director,” said Don Goss with Valero, co-chair of the CalAPA Technical Advisory Committee. “Brandon has a good grasp of the technical issues, he is an adept communicator, and he understands the political landscape and challenges of the California asphalt pavement industry. I think he will serve CalAPA well.”

Added his fellow co-chair, Tim Denlay with Knife River: “I am very excited to have Brandon on the CalAPA team as our new technical director. I have known Brandon since his NCAPA director days. He definitely fits all we were looking for to fill this position. I am confident that with his experience and asphalt pavements expertise he will help lead the CalAPA technical services going forward.”

Jack Van Kirk with George Reed / Basic Resources, co-chair of the Caltrans-industry Asphalt Task Group, which is part of the Rock Products Committee, added: “Brandon is an outstanding choice. He brings a wealth of technical knowledge to the position and also possesses the personal traits to partner with agencies, especially Caltrans. We look forward to working with Brandon to solve the important issues that face our Industry today.” For his part, Milar said he was pleased to have the opportunity to represent the industry, as well as to serve as a technical resource to members and agency personnel.

"I am excited to once again represent our asphalt pavement industry," Milar said. "There are plenty of opportunities and challenges facing our industry. I look forward to working with our dynamic members to continue moving our industry forward."

The California Asphalt Pavement Association (CalAPA), founded in 1953, is a non-profit trade association representing the asphalt pavement industry in California. CalAPA members include asphalt producers, refiners, paving contractors, testing labs, consulting engineers, product suppliers, equipment manufacturers and representatives from other companies related to the asphalt pavement industry in California.

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