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**SUBJECT:** Damage Assessment Form (DAF) Submittal Deadline Extension for the Late  
December 2022 Winter Storms, CA23-1

Dear Mr. Falakfarsa,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your April 19, 2023, request to extend the current DAF submittal deadline for disaster event CA23-1. Given the unprecedented magnitude and duration of the storm, compounded with subsequent CA23-3 Storm event, FHWA is granting additional time to submit DAFs. The DAF submittal deadline for the CA23-1 event is July 31, 2023.

With this extension, all future DAFs provided to FHWA for disaster event CA23-1 must receive initial concurrence by Caltrans or the Local Public Agency, if applicable, by the DAF due date of July 31, 2023.

Please note that, as a result of a U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of the Inspector General audit, FHWA was directed on February 22, 2016, to collect DAFs/DDIRs within three months from the beginning of a disaster event and eligible to extend the collection period up to two additional months. Collecting this information promptly allows the FHWA to determine eligibility in a timely manner and report damage estimates to essential leadership within the U.S. DOT to support funding allocations.

Should you have any questions relating to this determination, please contact Peter Pangilinan, Emergency Relief Program Manager, at (916) 498-5886 or [Peter.Pangilinan@dot.gov](mailto:Peter.Pangilinan@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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