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Dear Mr. Hecox:

Under the provisions of Section 125, Title 23 of the United States Code, this is a Letter of Intent by the California Department of Transportation to request Emergency Relief (ER) funds to assist in the cost of repairing damages on Federal-aid highways in California caused by a series of winter storm events.

Beginning on January 31, 2025, a series of atmospheric river events struck California, impacting Humboldt, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Sonoma, and Trinity Counties. The storms have resulted in excessive rainfall, landslides, and widespread flooding affecting roads and waterways.

The preliminary damage estimate information is currently being gathered by the State and Local agencies affected. Additional information will be provided with the subsequent ER Application under Disaster CA25-5 February 2025 Winter Storms.

Under separate cover, the Office of Federal Resources will be submitting the ER Application, along with the Governor's Proclamation(s) and Damage Survey Summary Report, to provide the Division Administrator with a basis to make a finding that the disaster is eligible for ER funding.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mike McCracken, Division of Maintenance at (916) 997-0646, or myself at (279) 234-2581 or by e-mail at <raul.lerma@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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