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December 1, 2025

Mr. Doug Hecox
Acting Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration, California Division
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Hecox:

As required under 23 CFR 668.111(c), we request your consideration to approve Disaster CA25-6 Late-March 2025 Winter Storms in Trinity County as eligible under the Emergency Relief Program.

A Governor's Proclamation executed July 29, 2025, is included as part of the Disaster Survey Summary Report (DSSR), attached for your review. Based on the Governor's Proclamation, the Late March 2025 Winter Storms began on March 30, 2025.

The DSSR contains the latest list of identified damaged sites and their corresponding currently estimated repair costs. The preliminary damage estimate is in the range of \$9.05 million for Emergency Relief-eligible Local damages, subject to increase. There are no reported State damages. The estimated federal share of repair costs on eligible roadways will be required to exceed the \$700,000 threshold per 23 CFR 668.105(j) as indicated in the attached Damage Survey Summary Report.

As provided for in the FHWA Emergency Relief Manual, updated May 31, 2013, under Chapter III, Section A, Detailed Damage Inspections, the Detailed Damage Inspection Reports / Damage Assessment Forms (DDIR/DAF) "are completed at a later date, usually after the Division Administrator has made a finding of ER eligibility." FHWA's Acknowledgement letter dated September 9, 2025, for this disaster included that "all DAFs must be completed by December 5, 2025". Given the anticipated timeframe of a corresponding Finding of Eligibility and the necessary work to complete damage assessment, it is anticipated that additional time will be needed. Therefore, as part of this application the State of California

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formally requests the Damage Assessment Form due date be extended to February 14, 2026, in order to allow field staff to complete and submit DAFs to FHWA for approval.

Upon finding that the above Disaster is eligible, a Program of Projects will be developed and submitted to FHWA within 3 months of the Finding of Eligibility letter, as outlined in 23 CFR 668.13(a). If you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (279) 599-3199 or by e-mail at Bob.Baca@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Baca".

Bob Baca
Acting Chief
Office of Federal Programs

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Attachment

- Disaster Survey Summary Report (Disaster CA25-6)

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