

## California Department of Transportation

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October 2, 2025

Mr. Doug Hecox  
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Federal Highway Administration, California Division  
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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 powerful storm event.

Beginning on September 18, 2025, a monsoonal storm event stemming from the remnants of Tropical Storm Mario struck California, impacting San Bernardino County. The storm resulted in excessive rainfall, flooding and debris flows affecting roadways, including severe washouts.

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 CA25-7 September 2025 Storm.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raul Lerma'.

RAUL LERMA, Chief  
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