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SUBJECT: Supplemental Emergency Relief Finding of Eligibility for the December 2025
Storms (CA26-1)

Dear Mr. Lerma:

After reviewing your supplemental application for Emergency Relief (ER) funds for disaster event CA26-1 dated October 1, 2026, as required under 23 CFR 668.111(c) and (d), FHWA has determined that the event meets the requirements established under 23 USC 125 and is eligible to receive ER funding. The Governor's Proclamations and your application for ER funding identified Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura counties.

Per 23 CFR 668.113(a), please submit a Program of Projects for this disaster event by December 31, 2026. The Program of Projects will constitute the current list of sites authorized for Emergency Relief funding under disaster event CA26-1.

The effective disaster event start date for this disaster event CA26-1 is December 16, 2025. The FHWA Finding of Eligibility (FOE) letter dated May 27, 2026, granted an extension to the Damage Assessment Forms (DAFs)/Detailed Damage Inspection Reports (DDIRs) submittal deadline of September 30, 2026. This deadline is still effective for the counties in the original FOE letter. Santa Barbara County is the only county being added under the supplemental application, therefore, the DAF/DDIR submittal deadline for Santa Barbara County is November 30, 2026. See the following table for reference.

Counties	DAF Deadline
Los Angeles, Mendocino, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura	September 30, 2026
Santa Barbara	November 30, 2026

Per 23 CFR 668.105(h), all Emergency Relief projects associated with this event are expected to advance to construction authorization by September 30, 2028.

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.

Sincerely,

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