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Mr. Doug Hecox
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Dear Mr. Hecox:

As required under 23 CFR 668.111(c), we request your consideration to approve Disaster CA26-3 February 2026 Storms in Glenn, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties as eligible under the Emergency Relief Program.

The Governor's Proclamation, dated September 21, 2026, is incorporated into the attached Disaster Survey Summary Report (DSSR) for your review.

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 $8.6 million for State damages, and currently no damages are reported by the Local agencies, subject to change. 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, dated 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 29, 2026, for this disaster included that "all DAFs must be completed by December 31, 2026". 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 formally requests the Damage Assessment Form due date be extended to January 31, 2027, in order to allow field staff to complete and submit DAFs to FHWA for approval.

Upon finding that the above Disaster is eligible, an initial Program of Projects will be developed and submitted to FHWA within three months of the Finding of Eligibility letter, as outlined in 23 CFR 668.13(a). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (279) 234-2581 or by e-mail at <raul.lerma@dot.ca.gov >.

Sincerely,

RAUL LERMA, Chief
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Attachment
- Disaster Survey Summary Report (Disaster CA 26-3)

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