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SUBJECT: FY26 Emergency Relief Finding of Eligibility for the February 2026
Storm (CA26-3)

Dear Mr. Lerma:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviewed the application for Emergency Relief funds for disaster event CA26-3 dated October 2, 2026, as required under 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 668.111(c) and (d). FHWA has determined that the event meets the requirements established under 23 United States Code (USC) 125 and is eligible to receive Emergency Relief funding. The Governor's Proclamations included in your application for Emergency Relief funding identified Glenn, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties.

Per 23 CFR 668.113(a), please submit a Program of Projects for this disaster event by October 31, 2026. The Program of Projects will constitute the current list of sites authorized for Emergency Relief funding under disaster event CA26-3.

The effective disaster event start date for this disaster event CA26-3 is February 15, 2026. The FHWA Acknowledgement letter dated September 29, 2026, established a Damage Assessment Forms (DAFs)/Detailed Damage Inspection Reports (DDIRs) submittal deadline of December 31, 2026. The ER application requested an extension to the DAF/DDIR deadline to perform necessary work to complete and submit DAFs to FHWA. This extension is granted and the DAFs/DDIRs must now be submitted by January 31, 2027.

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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