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**SUBJECT: Emergency Relief Finding of Eligibility for the August 2023 Wildfires
Disaster Event (CA23-5)**

Dear Mr. Falakfarsa,

After reviewing the application for Emergency Relief funds for disaster event CA23-5 dated September 14, 2023, as required under 23 CFR 668.111(c) and (d), FHWA has determined that the event meets the requirements established under 23 U.S.C. 125 and is eligible to receive Emergency Relief funding. The Governor's Proclamation and your application for Emergency Relief funding identified Del Norte and Siskiyou County.

Per 23 CFR 668.113(a), please submit a Program of Projects for this disaster event by December 29, 2023. The Program of Projects will constitute the current list of sites authorized for Emergency Relief funding under disaster event CA23-5.

The effective disaster event start date for disaster event CA23-5 is August 15, 2023. Due to the active wildfires, access to some facilities is limited. The original Damage Assessment Forms (DAFs)/Detailed Damage Inspection Reports (DDIRs) submittal deadline in FHWA's September 1, 2023, Acknowledgement letter, was November 30, 2023. To allow additional time for field staff to evaluate damages and submit DAFs, the DAF submittal deadline has been extended to December 29, 2023.

Per 23 CFR 668.105(h), all Emergency Relief projects associated with this event are expected to advance to construction authorization by September 30, 2025.

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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