CALTRANS EMERGENCY PROJECTS PROCESS

When Emergency Damage Occurs:

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Roadway damage impacts traffic, threatens or increases the risks of potential loss of life, increased property or resource damage, or loss of essential services.

Damage determined to exceed Caltrans' Maintenance Forces capabilities to repair. State funded emergency contract can be initiated immediately.*

*Authorized by State Law PCC 10122 Environmental approvals and permits (compliance with NEPA/CEQA laws) and Right of Way Acquisition Requirements are not waived.

Law requires Caltrans must have funds available to issue an emergency contract.

Scope of emergency work is to mitigate the threats associated with damage impacting traffic, risks of potential loss of life. increased property or resource damage, or loss of essential services. If the project doesn't restore the roadway to preexisting conditions. it is classified as an **Emergency Opening** (EO)* project, which will require initiation, development, and construction of a future Permanent Restoration (PR) project.

Permanent repairs to the roadway that restore the road to pre-damage conditions are funded and implemented via to be determined programs, depending upon whether or not the damage/ project in question was determined to be caused by an event that becomes covered by the ER Program, or whether other state or federally funded programs are available.

*Note: an Emergency Opening (EO) project only eliminates advertisement and contracting requirements. Caltrans complies with environmental and right of way requirements, and expeditiously obtains required permits, approvals, and any required mitigation. Caltrans expends significant resources ensuring the laws allowing use of emergency contracts is respected, complied with and not abused or over-utilized, as such contracts are an invaluable tool which, along with our Field Maintenance Forces, allow us to keep our roadways open and safe for the traveling public.

