

Notice of Exemption

CHUCK STOREY, County Clerk

Appendix E

By: Deputy Clerk

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): City of El Centro
1275 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

POSTED

MAY 14 2024

County Clerk
County of: Imperial
940 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

(Address)

Imperial County Clerk-Recorder
California

Project Title: Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reading (ALPR) Camara Installation Project

Project Applicant: City of El Centro - Police Department

Project Location - Specific:

Various sites within the Caltrans right-of-way. Please refer to the attached list.

Project Location - City: El Centro Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the installation of a Flock Safety automated license plate reading (ALPR) camera to be installed on behalf of the El Centro Police Department. Please see the attached document for further information.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of El Centro - Police Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of El Centro - Police Department

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15303(e), 15301(b)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to Section 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, this project is exempt from further CEQA Review.
Pursuant to Section 15301(b) - Existing Facilities and Section 15301(b) - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures of the CEQA Guidelines, this project is exempt from further CEQA Review.
Please see attached document for further explanation.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Angel Hernandez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 337-3864

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Angel Hernandez Date: May 14, 2024 Title: Community Development Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:** Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reading (ALPR) Camera Installation Project

### NOE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### PROJECT LOCATIONS:

#11 4th St & Wake Ave, NB  
32.77136567, -115.552033

#60 Imperial Ave and Euclid Ave, SB  
32.79828838, -115.5701522

#12 4th St & Wake Ave, SB  
32.77106683, -115.5524078

#63 Imperial Ave & Bradshaw Rd, NB  
32.81138142, -115.569645

#17 4th St & Ross Ave, NB  
32.78229402, -115.5523103

#64 Imperial Ave & Bradshaw Rd, SB  
32.81084335, -115.570133

#18 4th St & Ross Ave, SB  
32.78136702, -115.552531

#92 4th of S of Woodland – NB  
32.75843392, -115.5518928

#47 8th St and Adams Ave, WB  
32.79668675, -115.5616259

#93 4th of S of Woodland – SB  
32.75825451, -115.5520597

#48 8th St and Adams Ave, EB  
32.79638555, -115.5612929

#98 S 4th St @ Main St – NB  
32.79298181, -115.5523838

#59 Imperial Ave and Euclid Ave, NB  
32.79847497, -115.5697226

#100 S 4th St @ Main St – SB  
32.79273378, -115.552636

#### DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

The project consists of the installation of a Flock Safety automated license plate reading (ALPR) camera to be installed on behalf of the El Centro Police Department. There are two methods of installation: 1) installation of a 13' X SQRD REDITORQUE pole or 12' Flock Pole with a camera and solar panel to power the camera mounted to the pole with minimal ground disturbance consisting of the 3" by 48" pole anchor, or 2) attachment of a camera and a solar panel to power the camera to an existing light pole with no ground disturbance proposed. The purpose of the installation is to provide law enforcement with the ability to respond to detect license plates associated with criminal activity and to assist law enforcement with intercepting these vehicles. The beneficiaries of the project are both law enforcement and the public at large as this installation will serve public safety interests and help make El Centro a safer community.

#### REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Pursuant to Section 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, this project is exempt from further CEQA Review. Section 15303(e) specifically refers to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures including accessory structures, and the footprint of the proposed installation of the pole, camera, and solar panel is very minimal compared to the other classes of exemptions listed in Section 15303(e). As such, this project can be considered a new, small facility under Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines with no further CEQA review required.

Pursuant to Section 15301(b) – Existing Facilities and Section 15301(b) - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures of the CEQA Guidelines, this project is exempt from further CEQA Review. Section 15301(b) specifically refers to the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, including utilities, and the attachment of the proposed camera and solar panel to an existing light pole with no further alteration to the pole and no ground disturbance qualifies for this exemption. As such, this project can be considered a minor alteration to an existing facility under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines with no further CEQA review required.