

Notice of Exemption

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From: Merced County Sheriff's Office
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Lieutenant Delray C. Shelton
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Project Title: Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reading (ALPR) Camara Installation Project

Project Number: N/A

APN#: Caltrans Rights-of-Way

Project Location:

- #02: Hwy 33 @ I5 Off-Ramp – SB – 37.10366815, -121.0159633
- #03: Hwy 33 @ I5 On-Ramp – NB - 37.1087822, -121.0155876
- #04: Elgin Ave @ Hwy 152 – SB - 37.04954855, -120.6357033
- #06: Hwy 140 @ Plainsburg RD – WB - 37.29550684, -120.3250121
- #07: Lander Ave @ American Ave – NB - 37.41167639, -120.8499323
- #08: Central Yosemite Hwy @ Lander Ave – EB - 37.31307, -120.847982

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 Merced County Sheriff's Office. The proposed project consists of the installation of a 13' X SQRD REDITORQUE 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. 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 Merced County a safer community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Merced County Sheriff's Office

Entitlement/Action Date

Flock Contract with Merced County Sheriff's Office / 10/22/2024

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alameda 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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15303(e)
- 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. 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person

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Signature  Date 10-22-2024
Merced County Sheriff's Office