

## Notice of Exemption

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

**Project Number:** N/A

**APN#:** Various Cal Trans Rights-of-Way

**Project Location:**

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude
F#14 Houston @ Dinuba WB	36.341947732161100	-119.296953260198000
F#17 Houston @ Dinuba EB	36.341747042299600	-119.296401307946000

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project consists of the installation of two Flock Safety automated license plate reading (ALPR) cameras to be installed on behalf of the City of Visalia Police Department. The installation consists of the attachment of a camera and solar panel (to power the camera) to an existing light/traffic pole with no proposed ground disturbance. 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 Tulare County a safer community.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Visalia Police Department

**Entitlement/Action Date**

Flock Contract with City of Visalia Police Department/ February 26, 2025

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Visalia 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: 15301(b)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** 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.

**Lead Agency Contact Person**

Andrew Swarthout, Captain, City of Visalia Police Department

Signature



Date

2-27-25