Notice of Exemption

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San Benito County

From: Hollister Police Department
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Project Title: Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reading (ALPR) Camera Installation Project

Project Number: 990075

APN#: N/A Cal Trans Rights-of-Way

Project Location:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude
P#001 Hwy 25 @ San Felipe Rd EB	36.865007	-121.400871

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 Hollister Police Department. The installation consists 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 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 San Benito County a safer community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Hollister Police Department

Entitlement/Action Date
Flock Contract with Hollister Police Department / August 27, 2025

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Hollister 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
Carlos Reynoso, Chief, Hollister Police Department

Signature Carlos Reynoso Date 8/27/2025
Hollister Police Department