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Notice of Exemption

To:

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From:

Watsonville Police Department

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Captain Donny Thul 831-768-3314

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

Project Number: 1248191

APN#: Various Cal Trans Rights-of-Way

Project Location:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude
P#021 Lake Ave @ Bridge St - WB	36.9310651	-121.74428
P#022 Lake Ave @ Bridge St - EB	36.9308199	-121.74412
P#023 Riverside Dr @ Blackburn St - WB	36.9127403	-121.74489
P#024 Riverside Dr @ Industrial Dr- WB	36.8993432	-121.76648
P#029 Main St @ Green Valley Rd - SB	36.9184211	-121.78355
P#039 W Riverside Dr EB @ Sakata Ln	36.9037458	-121.75971
F#040 W Riverside Dr @ Blackburn St EB	36.9123643	-121.74559



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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 Watsonville 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 limited ground disturbance consisting of the pole concrete caisson. 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 Santa Cruz County a safer community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Watsonville Police Department

Entitlement/Action Date

Flock Contract with Watsonville Police Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Watsonville 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 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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