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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz
701 Ocean St
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): Watsonville Police Department
215 Union St. P.O. Box 1930
Watsonville, CA 95077
(Address)

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

Project Applicant: Watsonville Police Department

Project Location - Specific: Location list attached

Project Location - City: Watsonville Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project consists of the installation of a Flock Safety automated license plate reading (ALPR) camera on behalf of the Watsonville Police Department. The installation includes a camera and solar panel mounted to an existing traffic signal or streetlight pole within public right-of-way. No ground disturbance, trenching, new pole installation, or expansion of facility capacity is proposed. The purpose of the installation is to assist law enforcement in identifying vehicles associated with criminal activity. The beneficiaries of the project include law enforcement and the public at large, as the installation supports public safety objectives within the City of Watsonville.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Watsonville Police Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chief Brian Shab

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 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), the project consists of the minor alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Section 15301(b) applies to existing highways, streets, sidewalks, and related facilities. The proposed project involves mounting ALPR equipment to an existing traffic signal or streetlight pole within public right-of-way. The installation does not expand the physical footprint of the facility, does not increase roadway capacity, and does not result in ground disturbance. The project constitutes a minor alteration of an existing public facility with no expansion of use and therefore qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Chief Brian Shab Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-768-3300

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: _____ Date: 6/30/26 Title: CHIEF OF POLICE

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: _____

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CaseReport (3)

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	Pole Type	Power
P#021 Lake Ave @ Bridge St - WB	36.933749545913600	-121.743385569592000	Existing Light Pole	65W Solar Panel Side Mount - Tilt
P#023 Riveside Dr @ Blackburn St - WB	36.912748614062500	-121.744878592871000	Existing Traffic Signal Pole	65W Solar Panel Side Mount - Tilt
P#024 Riverside Dr @ Industrial Dr- WB	36.899009717457400	-121.767023898992000	Existing Traffic Signal Pole	65W Solar Panel Side Mount - Tilt
P#029 Main St @ Green Valley Rd - SB	36.918451112122300	-121.783644291757000	Existing Traffic Signal Pole	65W Solar Panel Side Mount - Tilt
P#039 W Riverside Dr EB @ Sakata Ln	36.903745791410400	-121.759705675875000	Existing Light Pole	65W Solar Panel Side Mount - Tilt
P#040 W Riverside Dr @ Blackburn St EB	36.912249051538400	-121.745906195708000	Existing Traffic Signal Pole	65W Solar Panel Side Mount - Tilt