

Notice of Exemption

To:
 City of Willits
 Police Department

Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder
 501 Low Gap Rd. #1020
 Ukiah, CA 95482

From:
 City of Willits
 111 E. Commercial St
 Willits, CA 95490

Chief

Brian Fay
 707-459-6122

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 |
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| P#003 Redwood Hwy @ Monica Ln NB | 39.384428905129100 | -123.34341616896500 |
| P#004 S Main St @ Monica Ln SB | 39.382322000729200 | -123.34258843531500 |
| P#006 Hwy 20 @ S Main St EB | 39.403944505088600 | -123.35285366448000 |
| P#007 Hwy 20 @ Redwood Hwy WB | 39.404214144182200 | -123.35203359441100 |

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 Willits Police Department. The installation includes a new breakaway support pole with concrete foundation, solar panel, and camera unit installed within public right-of-way.

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 Willits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Willits Police Department

Entitlement/Action Date Flock Contract with Willits Police Department/ 3/10/2026

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Willits 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: CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), specifically subsection (e)
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), the project consists of the installation of a small new accessory structure.

Section 15303(e) applies to the construction and installation of small new equipment and accessory structures. The proposed installation includes a new breakaway support pole with a small concrete foundation, solar panel, and camera unit. The footprint of the installation is minimal and does not involve substantial grading, roadway expansion, or increased traffic capacity.

The project qualifies as a small new structure under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 and therefore qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption.

Lead Agency Contact Person

Brian Fay, Chief of Police, Willits Police Department

Signed by: Brian Fay Date 3/11/2026
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