

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Notice of Exemption

To:
Kern County
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From:
Kern County
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Joseph Mountjoy
661-861-3110

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
P#020 W Valley Blvd @ Woodford Tehachapi Rd EB	35.124214200416900	-118.49464044329600
P#025 Highway 58 @ Exit 172 EB	35.042958019785200	-118.11105502481800
P#030 Claymine Rd @ Barstow Rd NB	35.008486092690700	-117.83927516143700

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 Kern County Sheriff's Office. The installation on 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 Kern County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Kern County Sheriff's Office

Entitlement/Action Date Flock Contract with Kern County Sheriff's Office/ 3/17/2026 **Name**

of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kern County Sheriff's Office **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.

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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

Joseph Mountjoy, Sergeant, Kern County Sheriff's Office

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mountjoy", written over a horizontal line.

Date

3/17/26