

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Fresno

From: (Public Agency): City of Kerman Police Department
850 S. Madera Ave
Kerman, CA 93630

(Address)

Project Title: Kerman Police Department - CEQA NOE - ALPR Project in Caltrans ROW

Project Applicant: City of Kerman Police Department

Project Location - Specific: P#001 N Madera Ave @ W Whitesbridge Ave SB
P#002 S Madera Ave @ Commerce Way NB
P#003 W Whitesbridge Ave @ S Siskiyou Ave EB
P#004 W Whitesbridge Ave @ N Goldenrod Ave WB
PTZ#001 N Madera Ave @ W Whitesbridge Ave

Project Location - City: Kerman

Project Location - County: Fresno

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 City of Kerman 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 Kerman.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Kerman Police Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Kerman 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: x15301(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 Steve Wilkins

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-550-0580

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: S. Wilkins Date: 04/20/2026 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: _____