

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Luis Obispo County
1055 Monterey Street

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

From: (Public Agency): San Luis Obispo County

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(Address)

Project Title: San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office - ALPR/Live Video Camera Installation - CEQA NOE

Project Applicant: San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office

Project Location - Specific: See attached location list

Project Location - City: Oceano, Woodlands, Santa Maria **Project Location - County:** San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the installation of Flock Safety automated license plate reading (ALPR) cameras on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office at multiple locations within public right-of-way.

The project includes (1) mounting ALPR camera and solar equipment to existing traffic signal or streetlight poles at certain locations, and (2) installation of new breakaway support poles with small concrete foundations at other locations where existing infrastructure is not available.

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 County of San Luis Obispo.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Luis Obispo 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. State type and section number: 15301(b) & 15303(e)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 1 – Existing Facilities), a portion of the project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Specifically, the mounting of ALPR cameras and solar equipment to existing traffic signal or streetlight poles within public right-of-way qualifies under Section 15301(b), which applies to existing highways, streets, sidewalks, and related facilities. These installations do not expand roadway capacity, alter traffic patterns, or result in ground disturbance.

In addition, pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), the project includes installation of small new accessory structures consisting of breakaway support poles with minimal concrete foundations to support ALPR cameras and solar panels. Section 15303(e) applies to the construction and installation of small new equipment and accessory structures. The footprint of each new installation is limited and does not involve substantial grading, roadway expansion, or increased traffic capacity.

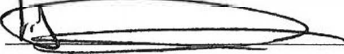
The project therefore qualifies for categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303. The project is not subject to any of the exceptions to categorical exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ian Doughty **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 805-781-4502

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:** 6/15/26 **Title:** COMMANDER

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: _____

CaseReport (1)

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	Pole Type
P#011 Cabrillo Hwy @ Tierra Nueva Ln EB	35.098075000000000	-120.593887000000000	X2, 12ft, MASH Approved Breakaway Concrete Foundation
P#012 Front St @ Tranquil Ct WB	35.102248000000000	-120.617031000000000	Existing Light Pole
P#013 Guadalupe Rd @ Desperado Pl NB	35.020016402267300	-120.563631751303000	X2, 12ft, MASH Approved Breakaway Concrete Foundation
P#019 Hwy 166 @ Wineman WB	34.994771315215900	-120.424217806848000	X2, 12ft, MASH Approved Breakaway Concrete Foundation