RESOLUTION No. 24-326

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR TWO FLOCK AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER PROJECT CAMERAS AT CA 49 AND COMBIE ROAD- DISTRICT II

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office desires to maintain security and safety for the Public and its Law Enforcement Officers; and

WHEREAS, routine camera surveillance in public spaces is widely used to assist in law enforcement investigations; and

WHEREAS, Flock Group, Inc. provides technology and services that will provide camera surveillance in specified locations and its data will be accessible by the Sheriff's Office to assist when necessary in law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2023, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office entered into a Services Agreement with Flock Group, Inc., in the amount of $78,500 for a 12-month pilot program to use the technology services provided by Flock via Resolution 23-142; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget includes this project; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to install two cameras at CA 49 and Combie Road and such location requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act due to the proximity of a California highway; and

WHEREAS, under Section 15303(e) of the California Environmental Quality Act Statues and Guidelines, Class 1 projects consisting of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible, or no expansion of use are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A includes a Notice of Exemption to be filed with the California Office of Planning and Research also known as the State Clearing House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Nevada County Sheriff's Office to file a Notice of Exemption with the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder's Office for the two (2) Flock Automated License Plate Reader Project cameras to be installed at CA 49 and Combie Road, located in District II.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 25th day of June 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout, and Susan Hoek.

Noes: None.

Absent: Hardy Bullock.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASEN
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

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Hardy Bullock, Chair

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 222
Sacramento, CA 95814
☒ County Clerk
Nevada County

From: Nevada County Sheriff's Office
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959
Captain Sean Scales
(530) 847-4800

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

Project Number: N/A

APN#: Caltrans Rights-of-Way

Project Location:
#06 Hwy 49 @ Combie Rd – NB, 39.04285698, -121.0944376
#22 Hwy 49 @ Combie Rd – SB, 39.04226976, -121.0948558

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the installation of a Flock Safety automated license plate reading (ALPR) camera to be installed at each location on behalf of the Nevada County Sheriff's Office. The proposed project consists of the installation of a 13' X SQRD REDITORQUE pole with a camera and solar panel to power the camera mounted to the pole with minimal ground disturbance consisting of the 3" by 48" pole anchor. The purpose of the installation is to provide law enforcement with the ability to respond to detect license plates associated with criminal activity and to assist law enforcement with intercepting these vehicles. The beneficiaries of the project are both law enforcement and the public at large as this installation will serve public safety interests and help make Nevada County a safer community.

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

Entitlement/Action Date
Flock Contract with Nevada County Sheriff's Office / June 4, 2024

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Nevada 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: 15303(e)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to Section 15303(e) of the CEQA Guidelines, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, this project is exempt from further CEQA Review. Section 15303(e) specifically refers to New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures including accessory structures, and the footprint of the proposed installation of the pole, camera, and solar panel is very minimal compared to the other classes of exemptions listed in Section 15303(e). As such, this project can be considered a new, small facility under Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines with no further CEQA review required.

Lead Agency Contact Person
Captain Sean Scales, Nevada County Sheriff's Office, (530) 265-1471

Signature_____Date_____
Nevada County Sheriff's Office