



Agenda Item Staff Report

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Item description/summary: Discussion and reconsideration of the proposed Flock Safety automated license plate reader (ALPR) camera systems for OPUD community parks.

Background and Purpose

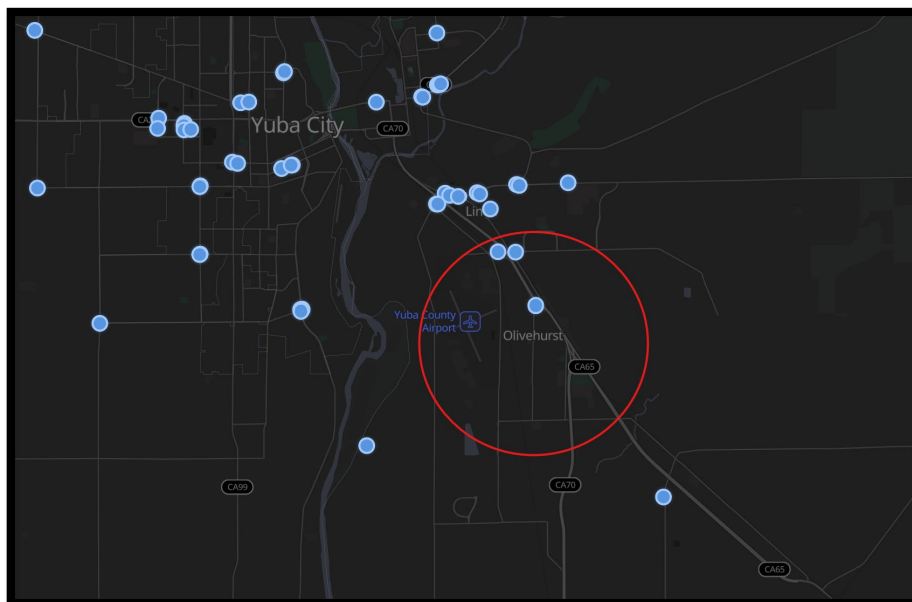
OPUD previously considered a Yuba County Sheriff's Department proposal to deploy Flock Safety camera systems at Johnson Park and Eufay Park. The prior proposal identified two cameras at each park and described the first year as grant funded with no direct initial cost to OPUD. The agreements have not yet been executed, and additional review has raised policy, privacy, governance, and long-term control concerns that warrant Board discussion before OPUD proceeds.

Potential Benefits

- Provides automated license plate recognition and vehicle identification that may assist law enforcement investigations and deter criminal activity.
- Solar-powered and LTE-connected deployment can reduce the need for OPUD network or electrical infrastructure.
- The previously proposed first-year grant funding would allow OPUD to test the technology with little or no initial direct cost, subject to confirmation that the funding terms remain unchanged.
- A third-party managed platform reduces the amount of camera infrastructure OPUD would need to operate directly.

Key Concerns for Board Consideration

- Privacy and community trust: ALPR systems collect vehicle-location information and necessarily capture portions of the surrounding scene. Even where the present use is limited to plate and vehicle identification, future analytics or policy changes could expand what can be derived from the same imagery or data.
- Long-term surveillance footprint: There appears to be relatively limited ALPR infrastructure in Olivehurst compared with some neighboring communities. OPUD therefore has an opportunity to decide whether this type of surveillance infrastructure is appropriate before it becomes more commonplace locally.



- Third-party ownership and control: Because the system is hosted and managed by a third party, OPUD should clearly understand who controls the equipment and data, who may access or share information, how long information is retained, and what authority OPUD retains throughout the contract term.
- Contract termination and decommissioning: OPUD should receive clear written terms addressing camera

deactivation or removal, disposition of retained data, termination of access, and responsibilities of the vendor and law-enforcement partners when the agreement ends.

- Future capabilities: Technology may materially change over a five- or ten-year period. Deploying the infrastructure now may create future capabilities or uses that were not contemplated when the cameras were originally approved.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Flock camera system would be fully covered by grant funding for the first year, resulting in no direct initial fiscal impact to OPUD.

Sample Motion/Staff Recommendation:

- **Option 1 — Proceed, but with protections.**
 - OPUD would move forward with the Flock cameras, but only after obtaining acceptable written protections covering things such as who controls the data, how long it is retained, who can access or share it, what happens when the agreement ends, and how the cameras/data are decommissioned. Essentially: **“We are comfortable with Flock if these concerns can be contractually addressed.”**
- **Option 2 — Decline the Flock proposal.**

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