

3 Sites to Be Studied for South Bay College

Trustees Approve Choices

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Trustees of California State Colleges have called for detailed studies of three prospective locations for a college to serve students of the Centinela-South Bay area.

The West Los Angeles architectural firm of Jones and Emmons will conduct the studies and present reports to the trustees at a meeting Oct. 13-14 in Long Beach.

Slated for detailed feasibility studies are sites in the South Shores area of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the Torrance-Rolling Hills Estates area of the Peninsula and the Dominguez area.

South Shores Site

The South Shores site consists of more than 300 acres of land in unincorporated territory on the southerly slope of the Palos Verdes Peninsula adjacent to San Pedro.

The Torrance-Rolling Hills Estates site consists of 334 acres on the northerly slope of the Peninsula, the majority between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvds.

The Dominguez site consists of 264 acres of land northeast of Avalon Blvd. and 190th St.

The South Shores site was proposed by the Harbor College Committee, headed by Harry M. Carr, retired realtor. The site is located on either side of 25th St. with 196 acres of land on the north and from 120 to 200 acres on the south.

195-Acre Site

Approximately 195 acres are owned by the county and the city of Los Angeles while the remainder is owned by private interests.

Carr said the land could be acquired for less than the \$5 million appropriated by the State Legislature for purchase of a site in the service area of the college.

"We think we have as fine a site as possible," he declared. "We believe we have something almost unequalled. It's a beautiful, beautiful location, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The land is unhabitated and the contour of the terrain is easy. There would be no grading problems. The campus could follow the natural contour of

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the land. It would be possible for the college to have more than 5,000 feet of shoreline.

"There are many things we can offer the college as well as things the college can offer us. A business district is close to the site, there are four access roads and the college would have the advantage of inexpensive water and power. Sewers and storm drains would provide no problem.

Split Three Ways

The Torrance-Rolling Hills Estates site consists of 160 acres in Torrance, 54 in Rolling Hills Estates and 145 in unincorporated territory.

It was estimated the land would cost in excess of \$7 million. The land is owned by the County Sanitation Districts, the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., Chandler's Sand and Gravel Co. and other private interests.

Most of the land is east of a new alignment of Hawthorne Blvd., presently under construction through the Peninsula foothills. Much of the land owned by the County Sanitation Districts would not be available for a number of years until completion of a landfill operation.

"We think this is an excellent site," declared Torrance assistant city Administrator Jerry Scharfman. "Not only does the site have two excellent access roads in Hawthorne and Crenshaw Blvds., but it also is aesthetically pleasing, being located at a height of 200 feet above the floor of the valley."

The Dominguez area site was included in the list of prospective locations at the suggestion of the State Department of Finance.