

HISTORY

Sept 1985--SB 1103 passes

Nov 11, 1985 - Chancellor's Office invites first of two-part RFP process leading to selection of a site for an Off-campus Center in Ventura County

March 1, 1986 Arthur B. Little's Demographic Analysis and Student Needs Assessment of a Permanent Off-Campus university Center completed. Study concludes that "prudent business practice would dictate the advisability of purchasing a 400-acre site within the next five years."

April 28, 1986- CSU invites RFPs to evaluate sites for a permanent off-campus center in Ventura County.

May, 1986 In response to the Chancellor's letter, the Oxnard city Council established a "University Task Force" composed of business, government, and community leaders to identify potential sites in the Oxnard area.

June 4, 1986 - At a public meeting at the University Center in Ventura, the CSU Trustees review eleven prospective sites for a new off-campus center. Of the eleven, five are selected for further investigations.

Sept 1986 - McClelland Engineers completes Ventura County Off-Campus Site Selection Study. Of five candidate sites in the county, the Lusk/Maxwell property in ventura is judged to be the best.

February 12, 1987 - Ventura's Comprehensive Plan Review Committee reviews plan for development of farmland around the proposed university Center site.

September 1987 - CSU Trustees approve \$287,000. to begin a five year \$8.8 million construction plan for a permanent University Center in West Ventura County. Ventura County Star Free Press (Sept 17/87) reports that CSU Trustees are "frustrated after a year of negotiations to buy 110 acres there."

December 2, 1987 - A public hearing is held at the University Center at Ventura by the Ad Hoc Committee on Off-Campus Facilities of the CSU Board of Trustees.



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, VENTURA CAMPUS

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Ventura County was identified in the early 1960's by the California Coordinating Council for Higher Education as a potential site for a California State University (CSU) system campus. The following is a summary chronology which highlights the primary events involved in the conceptual development of the Ventura County CSU campus.

OCTOBER 1994

The project's flood control channel work, provided by the County, is essentially complete. The Kern County Court will hear the condemnation case on the Mohseni property in January, 1995.

APRIL 1994

A Site Assessment Workshop, "Understanding The Issues", was requested by the CSU and held at the County Center on April 7. The purpose of the Workshop was to allow residents, the business community and government officials an opportunity to provide university representatives their perspective on the proposed development.

MARCH 1994

The CSU 's purchase of the Sakioka Farms parcel, the second of the two Chaffee/Duntley parcels (70 acres), entered into escrow.

OCTOBER 1993

The County's request of \$1.29 million in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the preliminary engineering for the Santa Clara/Central Avenue improvement was allocated.

SEPTEMBER 1993

Ventura County Public Works' Agency construction of the Beardsley Channel was completed and the Board approved a project agreement with the federal Soil Conservation Service which provided funding for construction of 40% of the Santa Clara Diversion Channel.

JULY 1993

The Board approved condemnation to acquire four acres of land and a 2.6 acre easement to build the Santa Clara Drain, a \$3 million flood control improvement project needed for the site. In addition, the state Public Works Board voted unanimously to order condemnation of the Mohseni property, one of the two parcels included in the CSU Ventura site.

FEBRUARY 1993

Meetings were held with federal officials in Washington D.C. to discuss federal funding for Beardsley Channel Flood Control project.

DECEMBER 1992

The Memorandum of Understanding was adopted by County of Ventura, the cities of Oxnard and Camarillo and CSU Board of Trustees. The elected officials met with Senator Gary Hart and Assembly Member Jack O'Connell on the MOU, site acquisition and funding.

NOVEMBER 1992

The CSU Working Group met to review "final" draft MOU and a meeting of city/county elected officials was scheduled to discuss adoption of the MOU and the project's progress.

OCTOBER 1992

The legal staffs' comments were incorporated into the draft MOU.

SEPTEMBER 1992

The CSU Working Group held additional meetings and reaching a consensus on the outstanding issues and concerns. A decision was made to formally refer to the document as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the parties. The draft MOU was submitted to legal the staffs of each agency for their review and comment. The Board of Supervisors approved the agreement between Ventura County Flood Control District and the Soil Conservation Service for the Beardsley Channel project.

AUGUST 1992

In addition to a meeting of the CSU Working Group to discuss the draft agreement, a meeting of Board members, elected officials of the cities Camarillo and Oxnard and CSU representatives was held to discuss progress related to development of the CSU Ventura campus.

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JULY 1992

The Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution supporting in concept a CSU Campus in Ventura County. Similar resolutions were adopted by cities of Camarillo and Oxnard. The draft agreement was reviewed by county and city staff which submitted comments/suggestions.

JUNE 1992

Proposition 153, passed by the electorate, allocated \$350,000 to specifically assure for planning of Ventura CSU campus. The CSU developed and disseminated to the involved jurisdictions a first draft of an infrastructure agreement for development of a CSU campus in Ventura County.

MAY 1992

Meetings were held with the technical subcommittees and the CSU staff to exchange information, including requests by the CSU for preliminary estimates on offsite improvements.

APRIL 1992

A meeting of CSU Working Group was held to review reports from the Technical Subcommittees. A letter from 21 members of California Congressional delegation (including Congressmen Lagomarsino and Gallegly) was sent to the House Appropriations Committee Chair requesting additional federal funds in 1993 for Soil Conservation Service in California.

MARCH 1992

A meeting of the utilities and transportation technical subcommittees was held to identify specific issues and concerns. Cost estimates for Beardsley Watershed (flood control) project were developed. A request was made to Roger Honberger, the County's Washington advocate, for assistance in securing for California additional federal Soil Conservation Service funds, which could be used for this project.

FEBRUARY 1992

A meeting of the CSU Working Group (CAO, city managers and technical staff) was held to continue discussion on issues of mutual interest, including transportation, utilities, air quality, and campus design. Technical, utilities and transportation subcommittees were established.

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DECEMBER 1991

A "Kick-off" meeting was scheduled by the County of Ventura for preliminary discussion of issues involved with locating a CSU facility in the County. Attendees included Senator Gary Hart and Dr. Barry Munitz, the new Chancellor of the CSU system, as well as elected officials from the cities of Oxnard and Camarillo and Supervisors Kildee and Flynn.

SEPTEMBER 1991

The CSU Trustees selected the Chaffee/Duntley site for acquisition.

JULY 1991

A California Environmental Quality Act Public Hearing on the Draft EIR was held.

JUNE 1991

The Draft EIR for the Chaffee/Duntley Property Site (260 acres; 2000 Full Time Equivalents), was released.

FEBRUARY 1991

The Trustees determined that the McGrath sites was subject to such significant environmental constraints that it did not merit further consideration.

OCTOBER 1990

The Advisory Committee identified for the Trustees four of 40 potential sites for analysis in an EIR: the Donlon site in Oxnard; the Chaffee/Duntley site west of Camarillo; the Sudden Ranch site in the eastern portion of the city of Ventura; the McGrath site in west Oxnard.

JUNE 1990

The CSU Trustees decided to abandon negotiations with the Taylor Ranch owners and reexamine other potential sites within the County.

APRIL 1990

The CSU established the Ventura Site EIR Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives of local jurisdictions in the County, State legislators, affected agencies and interested community groups, to identify alternative sites for analysis in a revised Taylor Ranch EIR. COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Roma Armbrust, Matthew Boden, Jeff Bowling, Myrta Boyle, Robert Braitman, Councilman Roger Campbell, Ned Chatfield, Councilman Todd Collart, Senator Ed Davis,

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Dr. Ray Nickel, Beverly O'Gorman, Craig Primo, Councilwoman Ann Rock, Supervisor Madge Schaffer, Sandy Smith, Pete Tafoya, Craig Walker, Elaine Willman, Mayor Dorill Wright

JANUARY 1990

The Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the CSU Trustees supporting the acquisition and development of a Ventura campus site and offering their pledge to work cooperatively with the University during the selection process.

1989 to 1986

The CSU entered into negotiations with the representatives of two Ventura County sites, Ag-Land property sponsored by the city of Oxnard and Taylor Ranch sponsored by the city of Ventura.

DECEMBER 1989

The Superior Court deemed the Taylor Ranch EIR legally inadequate, primarily based upon its failure to examine the environmental implications of developing a full-service, four-year university on that site. The Court's concerns also related to the adequacy of the paleontological and geological analyses.

AUGUST 1989

The City of Ventura amended its General Plan to authorize development of the Taylor Ranch property for the purpose of establishing a university on the site.

JULY 1989

The Environmental Coalition filed a suit in Superior Court asserting the Taylor Ranch EIR was flawed because it did not address a full scale campus and all of its impacts.

MAY 1989

The CSU Trustees certified the Taylor Ranch EIR.

MARCH 1989

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Taylor Ranch Property Site (465 acre portion; 2000 Full Time Equivalents) was released.

JULY 1988

The CSU Trustees decided to continue to pursue the property, via eminent domain if necessary.

JUNE 1988

The owners of Taylor Ranch indicated that they preferred to hold their property for agricultural and oil extraction purposes and were no longer interested in selling their land to the CSU.

MARCH 1988

An Ad Hoc Committee of the Trustees established to review the alternative campus locations selected the Taylor Ranch property as the preferred site. The site, while outside the sphere of influence of the city of Ventura, was opposed by the city.

MARCH 1986

The study findings were reported to the Legislature--the Ventura-Oxnard-Camarillo area was identified as the preferred site for an off-campus center.

SEPTEMBER 1985

Senator Gary Hart's SB 1103 allocated \$250,000 to the CSU Trustees and commissioned a site selection study to determine the need for a higher education facility in Ventura County and the potential for expansion of the Center as a permanent off-campus site.

MARCH 1976

Due to declining enrollment growth, no campus was developed and Governor Edmund Brown, signed legislation authorizing the sale of the land.

1974

The CSU Northridge campus and the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) administered upper division and graduate programs in leased quarters known as the *University Center* at Ventura. Eventually (by 1988) the use of the Center increased to the point that the facilities were no longer able to meet the demand.

1969

The CSU system obtained 425 acres of agricultural land in Ventura County (Somis) to be developed as a State University campus.

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The Ventura County community has been actively involved for several years in furthering the development of an expanded CSU facility within the area. An expanding group of community residents, initially know as **SITE** (Students Interested in Tomorrow's Education) and more recently as **Class Act** have campaigned in support of the CSU objective for Ventura County to raise funds as well as citizens' awareness on behalf of this project.