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FULLERTON TO GET STATE COLLEGE — PIONEER-CYPRESS SITE SELECTED

Fullerton will be the home of a new four-year state college for Orange County. That was the unanimous decision reached in Sacramento this morning by the State Public Works Board. A 238-acre site at the southeast corner of Cypress and Pioneer will be the setting for the college where classes are scheduled to begin in the fall of 1959.

The final choice was between the Fullerton site and a 260-acre site in Garden Grove. The two areas were finalists in an original list of 19 possible county sites.

The Cypress-Pioneer acreage extends south along Cypress nearly to Nutwood Ave., east to the Fullerton city limits, and Pioneer forms the northern boundary. The land is held by seven individual owners.

Announcement of the choice came from the office of State Sen. John A. Murdy Jr. of Santa Ana, prime mover in the campaign to secure the college in Orange County.

Final selection of the site followed nearly a year of discussion and inspection of Orange County sites. Money for land acquisition was approved last year when the Legislature authorized \$1,650,000 for purchase of a site. Murdy said today he plans to ask one-million dollars for initial construction.

Under the impetus of Murdy's leadership, the campaign to secure the state college in Fullerton enveloped school officials and the education committee of the local Chamber of Commerce as well as a 10-member site selection committee of Orange County leaders which Murdy appointed.

Location of the college here climaxes efforts which began as far back as 1948 when the state picked Long Beach as the site of a state college.

Construction of the new college in Fullerton may begin within the next six months, according to estimates from Murdy. He said he felt it

would take about 3 months of preliminary paper work and title search and another 3 months for escrow.

Plans now are to have temporary buildings ready for occupancy by September 1959, he added. Also discussed was the possibility of holding classes in rented quarters until permanent buildings can be completed.

Dr. J. Burton Vasche, head of all state colleges, said he would discuss with Murdy the proposed appropriation of \$150,000 for initial staff plus \$850,000 for site development and construction of initial buildings to get the new college underway by the fall of 1959.

Director of Finance John M. Pierce, chairman of the board, also said that he had received 25 telegrams "from citizens and citizens' groups confirming the fact that the community is in wholehearted support of the Fullerton site."