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The Regents of the University of California have approved the expenditure of \$2,213,520 in major capital improvements on the La Jolla campus of the University during the fiscal year 1958-59.

Funds will thus become available on 1 July 1958 for the following projects:

Equipment for the laboratory building which has been funded at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography for the coming year 1957-58 (\$229,300); a training pool for divers at the Scripps Institution (\$50,600); utilities, site development, landscaping, and parking for the expanded La Jolla campus) which will offer instruction and research in other sciences than oceanography (\$1,561,870); plans for the first instruction and research unit of the expanded campus (\$137,500); a corporation yard for the expanded campus (\$234,250).

Present plans are to locate the expanded campus on undeveloped land on the mesa behind the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

In addition, the Regents approved a request for funds that will finance site selection studies for four new campuses, among them the one in San Diego County.

The Regents met in Berkeley on Friday, 21 June.

In the face of California's mounting population, reliably estimated to bring 103,300 students seeking admission to the University of California by 1970, they prepared to help meet the problem by:

1. Approving a major capital improvements program totaling \$43,211,750 for the 1958-59 fiscal year;
2. Approving a request for \$250,000 from State funds to finance site selection studies for four new campuses as suggested to the 1957 State Legislature in "A Study of the Need for Additional Centers of Public Higher Education in California."
3. Approving a 1958-59 minor capital improvements program totaling \$1,731,820.

The major capital improvements program included \$31,607,192 to be requested from the State Capital Outlay and Savings Fund, \$6,673,025 from the University's share of The Fair and Exposition Fund, and \$4,931,533 from non-state funds.

The "Study of the Need for Additional Centers of Public Higher Education in California," prepared by the Joint Staff of the Liaison Committee of the California State Board of Education and the Regents of the University, suggested that in addition to 13 new State Colleges, four new campuses of the University of California should be established if California is to provide educational opportunities in the future similar to those now provided. In requesting \$250,000 for site studies it was pointed out that available properties of campus-size location near suitable population centers are rapidly diminishing, that early selection is advisable to effect the greatest

advantage and least disadvantage from future freeways, and that since a minimum of five years will elapse between date of site determination and occupancy of first buildings on a new campus early selection is necessary to avoid enrollment pressures far in excess of the planned capacities of existing campuses, particularly at Berkeley and Los Angeles. The Study suggested that the four new major campuses should serve growing population centers in (1) southeast Los Angeles and Orange counties, (2) Santa Clara Valley, (3) San Diego Area, and (4) San Joaquin Valley.

The minor capital improvements program included \$1,302,670 to be requested of the State from its Capital Outlay and Savings Fund and \$429,150 from the University's share of The Fair and Exposition Funds, and encompassed 133 projects on all eight campuses and three field stations ranging from \$1,600 for the smallest to \$76,530 for the largest.

Under the approved plans, the Berkeley campus will receive \$15,474,500, Davis \$4,421,700, Los Angeles \$11,575,335, Mount Hamilton \$183,000, Riverside \$1,881,162, San Francisco \$813,433, Santa Barbara \$551,000, the statewide activities of the University \$6,015,200, and the Hopland Field Station \$83,000.