## Work begins on new LO middle school

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LIVE OAK — After nearly six years of careful plans and crossed fingers, work has started on Shoreline Middle School.

Crews have begun grading the 17th Avenue site to make way for the county's latest school, said Rudy Carino, superintendent of the Live Oak School District.

If all goes well, the middle school will open for students in the fall of 1995.

"We're being optimistic," Carino said.

Crews are working to build the foundation before the winter rains, he said.

The \$14 million school will be built on 11.5 acres at 17th Avenue

near Felt Street, adjacent to Schwan Lake. It will have a stateof-the-art technology center and an amphitheater.

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The construction has been delayed repeatedly by a complex permit process and the large number of governing agencies required to

approve the project.

Environmentalists and neighbors opposed plans that call for about 450 feet of a channel that drains into Schwan Lake to be filled.

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The school will have a 650-student capacity.