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## Senator in Irvine today to talk about Great Park funding

Barbara Boxer seeks funds to create community farm, manage water reclamation and preserve World war II hangar.

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IRVINE – Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., will visit Irvine at 1:45 p.m. today to outline her efforts to seek federal funding for various aspects of the 1,374-acre Great Park that will replace the shuttered U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro.

Boxer serves as chair of the Environment and Public Works Committee of the Senate. The three programs she has sought funding for are:

- creation of a 30- to 50-acre community farm;
- storm water management and reclamation; and
- refurbishment of an historic World War II hangar for public use.

Before touring the site, Boxer will get a briefing on the Great Park's Master Plan from lead designer Ken Smith.

Also attending will be Irvine Mayor Beth Krom and Larry Agran, Great Park Corp. chair, as well as other board members of the Orange County Great Park Corp. and Great Park Conservancy.

Boxer will speak to UCLA students at 11 a.m., prior to her visit to Orange County, according to her spokeswoman, Natalie Ravitz. She will speak at UCLA's Anderson School of Management class on "The Pursuit of Leadership: A Female Perspective."