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SEN. BOXER ANNOUNCES BILL TO SECURE NEARLY \$80 MILLION FOR LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION — *Senator's announcement made following tour by Councilmember Reyes of Taylor Yard, future park site*

Standing with Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) announced today that she will be introducing a bill that authorizes \$79 million for the revitalization of the Los Angeles River.

“(The L.A. River revitalization) is a project that focuses on our future, on hope for our children and our families,” said Boxer at Taylor Yard, an old rail yard that is being transformed into a 40-acre City-State park as part of the L.A. River revitalization plan.

“We are excited to know that Sen. Boxer, a well-known environmentalist, and supporter of families and children, will continue to actively support the City’s efforts to renew the Los Angeles River,” said Reyes, who chairs the Los Angeles River Ad Hoc Committee. “The funding furthers our goals to convert our backyard--the river corridor-- into a front yard, with restored wetlands, parks and trails, flood protection and economic development.”

Boxer’s announcement followed a tour of Taylor Yard by Reyes that included State Park Director Ruth Coleman, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and City Council President Eric Garcetti.

Boxer’s bill, which could be introduced as early as next week, calls for \$79 million, to be secured for the following:

- \$4 million for the Army Corps of Engineers to develop a plan to restore river water flows, recreate wetlands and other river habitat. It will also include recreational opportunities, economic development and improved flood control.
- \$35 million for pilot projects for graffiti removal, wetland restoration, installation of flood control system and other immediate revitalization needs.
- \$40 million for a “water reuse” project to help improve water flow and habitat restoration.

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