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Levee Repairs Update

Flood control officials are working to complete repairs --before the next rainy season begins--to levees damaged from the January '97 storms. Using an emergency authority of the US Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Reclamation Board are working with the federal government to complete \$120 million worth of repairs to damaged levees by November. About half of the \$120 million projects have been completed. The remainder are scheduled to be done by November.

Under Public Law 84-99, the Corps can repair damages to the levee system that occurred during the January '97 storms. The State Reclamation Board and DWR have been working with local flood control districts to identify damages and request assistance from the Corps.

The Corps and DWR have identified all the eligible repair sites, engineered corrective solutions and are now awarding contracts to complete repairs this year. The repairs will restore the levee system to its pre-storms condition. Officials noted, however, that some of the repair work requested did not qualify under PL 84-99 and will need to be done by local flood control districts.

In addition to correcting damages from January, the Corps and DWR are currently initiating long-term comprehensive studies of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers flood control system, in accordance with the Governor's Flood Emergency Action Team (FEAT) report. For information on emergency levee repairs or long-range levee improvement projects, please call either: the Corps' Public Affairs Office at (916) 557-7461, or DRW's Office of Water Education at (916) 653-6192.

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