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DWR Announces Delay in Opening Local Roads to Islands  
In Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Flood Area

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources announced Friday that Lower Jones Road and Middle Slough Road in the flooded Jones Tract area of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta west of Stockton will remain closed to local residents until probably Sunday night or Monday morning because of heavy traffic from trucks hauling rock to reinforce levees.

The roads provide access to farmers on Bacon and Mandeville islands, from which most people earlier were evacuated because floodwaters threatened the roadways to the islands.

It has been expected the roads would be opened Saturday morning, but they will remain closed until further notice because of safety concerns about mixing local traffic with large trucks carrying rock to armor levees.

The Department of Water Resources and other agencies responded to the breach of a private levee on Upper Jones Tract near the town of Holt on June 3. Water later threatened two other levees that have been saved but continue to be reinforced and monitored. Closing the breach of the private levee and pumping floodwater off Upper Jones Tract and Lower Jones Tract is expected to take weeks.

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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