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Jones Tract Pumpout Update

SACRAMENTO - Department of Water Resources officials reported today that seven of 10 pumps are now in operation at Upper and Lower Jones Tracts, flooded by a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee break on June 3, 2004.

Four 42-inch pumps continue online at the Upper Jones station, two 42-inch and one 30-inch at Lower Jones. The remaining two 42-inch units and one 30-inch pump are expected to be operating by this evening.

Ford Construction Company, Inc., of Lodi, has a \$3,853,000 contract to dewater the island by mid-October. The special pumps are owned by Moving Water Industries (MWI) of Deerfield Beach, Florida, which has been in charge of setting up and adjusting the equipment.

Since pumping began on Monday, July 12, the level of the lake covering some 12,000 acres of farmland has been decreased by one foot, about 12,000 acre feet of the approximately 150,000 acre feet of water that flowed onto the island when part of the Middle River levee collapsed on June 3.

When all 10 of the submersible diesel-powered hydraulic pumps are running, they will combine to pump about a half-million gallons of floodwater per minute.

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