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All Pumps in Operation at Jones Tract

SACRAMENTO - Department of Water Resources officials reported today that all 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 are at the Upper Jones Tract station, four 42-inch and two 30-inch pumps at Lower Jones.

Since pumping began on Monday, July 12, the level of the lake covering some 12,000 acres of farmland has been decreased by 18-inches. That translates to about 18,000 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.

Ford Construction Company, Inc., of Lodi, has a nearly \$3.9 million 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 the equipment.

The 10 submersible diesel-powered hydraulic pumps have the combined capacity to pump about a half-million gallons of floodwater per minute. For fuel efficiency and less stress on the equipment, the net rate of water being removed from the island is currently about 350,000 gallons per minute.

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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