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Jones Tract Pumpout Project Half Completed

SACRAMENTO – Department of Water Resources officials report that the Jones Tract floodwater pumpout project has passed the halfway mark and appears to be on track for completion in October.

The level of the flood-created lake has been lowered more than seven feet, approximately 85,000 acre-feet of water. Reclaimed farmland is now visible on both Upper and Lower Jones Tracts.

On June 3, about 140,000 acre feet of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water inundated some 12,000 acres of farmland on the 19-square mile island 10 miles west of Stockton when a 400 foot section of the Middle River levee collapsed. The cause of the levee failure has not been determined.

Meanwhile, San Joaquin County authorities have announced they will keep Bacon Island Road across Upper Jones Tract closed until November 15. By that date, it's expected all pumps, pipes and other equipment will have been removed from the area.

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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