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JONES TRACT FLOODING UPDATE

(Stockton, CA) - The flood situation in the South Delta at Jones Tract remains stable as of now. Crews continue to work on shoring up the Trapper Slough levee and stabilizing the ends of the Upper Jones Tract levee break. Hwy 4 is in no immediate danger of flooding and remains open to through traffic.

The California Highway Patrol recommends, however, that travelers to and from the Bay Area seek an alternate route. Hwy 4 is heavily impacted by equipment being used in the emergency effort and motorists should expect delays. Recommended routes include Hwy 12 and 160, and Interstate 280 and 80.

There are no additional levee breaks nor are any additional levees in danger at this time. Islands in the area, including McDonald, are expected to be impacted by water seepage. This seepage occurs as ground water levels change due to the impacts of the flooding. Additional islands are expected to be impacted by this type of seepage. Actions, such as digging trenches or pumping water out when needed, will be taken when seepage is identified. All levees in the area are being monitored.

Crews continue to work on Trapper Slough and a total of 15 California Conservation Corps crews, about 180 people, are expected to work on the slough through this week. An 800 foot portion of Trapper Slough, identified as being most in peril for flooding, was laid with rock over the weekend. The California Department of Transportation, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Water Resources and private contractors continue to build up the slough and hope to have the work completed by the end of this week.

At the break site off Middle River, the Dutra Group barges and cranes are rocking in the ends of the break to stop it from becoming larger. Efforts are also underway to begin filling the hole with rock. Engineers on site said the hole, caused by rushing water, is about 50' deep.

Red Cross Emergency Services Director Lee Veselak said the Red Cross has opened 124 emergency cases, all of which have been identified as farm laborers. These cases include 25 farm worker families who lived on the Jones Tract island. A total of approximately 200 people have been provided emergency relief services at Red Cross shelters. Pacific Gas & Electric has donated \$25,000 to Red Cross to assist flood victims. Red Cross and other agencies, including Concilio, St. Mary's Church, Interfaith Church, and the Salvation Army, continue to work with single farm workers and farm worker families to provide emergency shelter and services. Many families have now sought temporary housing with friends and family members. Sunday night, there were 79 people at the Edison High School shelter. The Edison High School shelter will remain open until 4 p.m. Tuesday. The Red Cross is now seeking an alternate shelter to house flood victims and this site will be announced on Tuesday.

Damage estimates, including the cost of emergency efforts for Trapper Slough and the break, are being prepared. These estimates also include damage to crops, homes, structures, and roads and the cost of providing a variety of emergency services.

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PUBLIC AGENCY DAMAGE ESTIMATES

\$6,868.90	City of Stockton: evacuation assistance with equipment, labor, and personnel.
\$15 Million	Reclamation District 2038, Lower Jones Tract Includes drainage, dewatering, pump restoration.
\$2 - \$4 Million	Reclamation District 2039, Upper Jones Tract Drainage System Pumps.
\$2,293,624 Million	San Joaquin County Cost include providing technical, environmental, damage assessment, animal control, and emergency services. The major costs are: Conducting emergency coordination, providing supplies to Incident Command Post and affected jurisdictions - \$29,552.88 Structural failure of roads due to heavy truck traffic and erosion of road base due to flood waters -\$1,734,000.00 Replacing Bacon Island Road - \$434,000.00
\$2 Million	Emergency Modifications to Trapper Slough
\$5 - \$7 Million	Stabilizing break at Middle River & Permanent Repair
\$26 to \$30 Million	TOTAL PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ESTIMATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (Does Not Include State & Federal Agency Cost Estimates)

OTHER DAMAGE ESTIMATES

\$9.8 Million	San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner's Crop Damage Estimate.
\$25 Million	Total structures on Jones Tract
\$17.5 Million	Replace and repair infrastructure on Jones Tract
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