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## Heat Wave Tips

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- **Draw drapes**
- **Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher**
- **Cool with fans**
- **Use appliances in early morning or late at night**

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### STAGE 1

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Consumers are urged to reduce their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid more severe conditions.

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### STAGE 2

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Voluntary interruption of service to select customers is required to avoid more severe conditions.

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### STAGE 3

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Consumers are advised that involuntary interruptions of service have begun and will continue until the emergency has passed.

# Power Watch 2000

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## **SOME RELIEF FROM HEAT EXPECTED NEED FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION REMAINS HIGH**

### **Stage Three Power Outages Avoided Today**

(Folsom, CA) A Stage Three Electrical Emergency was avoided today despite hot temperatures and high consumer demand for power that left a narrow margin of reserves. Today's peak demand on the California Independent System Operator's (California ISO) system was 42,879 MW.

**Thursday, August 3, 2000** has been declared a **Power Watch Day** by the California ISO. While weather forecasts are calling for lower temperatures tomorrow throughout the Western States, the demand for electricity is still expected to be high with an estimated peak of 44,700 megawatts on California's electrical grid. Continued power conservation from California residents is urgently needed.

The amount of residual heat, which has built up over the last five days of hot temperatures, remains high. Even with the temperatures trending down, it will take some time for things to cool off. The supply of electricity throughout the Western region is still limited because of the extent and intensity and of this week's heat wave.

Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com).

**Power Watch 2000** is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the California ISO to communicate the current electricity resource outlook, in light of the rising demand for power in California. By providing regular updates on system conditions and peak demand forecasts, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

Incorporated under California law (AB 1890), the not-for-profit California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. Following restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable, safe, competitive and accessible. For questions relating to the status of the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.