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## Conservation Urged with Westwide High Temps

*Stage One Electrical Emergency Likely*

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO) is urging California residents to conserve electricity today and tomorrow as a regional heat wave drives the demand for electricity. Rising temperatures have pushed today's expected peak demand for electricity to 48,500 megawatts—about a thousand megawatts above forecast. A Stage One Electrical Emergency is likely around 2:00 p.m. today. A Stage One calls for voluntary conservation between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Blackouts are not forecast for this week.

A Flex Alert was issued yesterday by the California ISO for today and tomorrow. Temperatures are expected to moderate by Friday. For more information on how to conserve electricity, refer to the tips below or visit the Flex Your Power website at [www.FlexYourPower.org](http://www.FlexYourPower.org). The California ISO website [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com) features Today's Outlook, which allows the media and the public to follow grid conditions in real time. A California ISO media spokesperson is available on site at the Alhambra control room (contact Gregg Fishman at 916/802-9323).

### **Powerful Habits at Home:**

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when home, off when away. People with disability, seniors or anyone who has difficulty regulating body temperatures are asked to take the necessary precautions to safeguard your health.
- Avoid using unnecessary lighting and appliances during the peak usage period from 4 to 6 pm
- Turn off your pool pump and avoid outdoor watering during peak hours.

The California ISO is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation charged with managing the flow of electricity along California's open-market wholesale power grid. The mission of the California ISO is to safeguard the reliable delivery of electricity, and ensure equal access to 25,000 circuit miles of "electron highway." As the impartial operator of the wholesale power grid in the state, the California ISO conducts a small portion of the bulk power markets. These markets are used to allocate space on the transmission lines, maintain operating reserves and match supply with demand in real time.

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