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Grid avoids calling for outages with help from conservation, says ISO ISO appreciates consumer conservation; reminds of Flex Alert tomorrow

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) announced that consumer conservation helped grid operators avoid rotating power outages today.

Reduced electricity use also prevented power interruptions yesterday, and for two days during a mid-August heatwave.

The grid operator declared a Stage 2 Emergency just before 6 p.m. today when a transmission line from Oregon reduced capacity by 900 megawatts (MW) due to the heat. At the same time, generation totaling 260 megawatts (MW) tripped offline. Conservation helped grid operators overcome those challenges and avoid rotating power outages.

“Consumer action to conserve energy tonight was key to helping us keep power flowing throughout the state,” said Eric Schmitt, ISO’s Vice President of Operations. “We recognize the sacrifice that consumers make in conserving energy during these very hot conditions, and appreciate their contribution.”

The ISO issued a Flex Alert to urge consumers to conserve energy during this statewide heatwave that’s driving up energy consumption. The Flex Alert will be re-issued tomorrow, with conservation needed again from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Temperatures tomorrow will continue to be hot throughout the western US. The ISO is also monitoring numerous wildfires that may impact electrical lines.

For the most up-to-date information on emergencies, follow us on Twitter at [@California_ISO](https://twitter.com/California_ISO).

For information on Flex Alerts, and to get more electricity conservation tips, visit the ISO’s [Flex Alert website](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about System Alerts, Warnings and Emergencies. Follow grid conditions in real time at ISO’s [Today’s Outlook](#), or download the free ISO Today mobile app.

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The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders with delegated authority from the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the Western EIM.