CAISO / RC West Summer Outlook & Emergency Communications

John Phipps
Executive Director, Grid Operations, Grid Operations

May 23, 2023
## Agenda

### Morning Session

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<td>Review Highlights of 2022 (Key Takeaways)</td>
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<td>Review changes to RC West emergency procedures. Discuss contingency reserve management and options.</td>
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<td>Summer Weather Outlook – CAISO Short Term Forecasting team</td>
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<td>Dave Delparte</td>
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<td>Review changes to CAISO BA summer playbook. (includes any 4420 changes)</td>
<td>Tricia Johnstone</td>
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<td>RC West review peak load day preparations and relevant operating procedures, tools.</td>
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<td>Western BA’s Preparations for Peak Load Days</td>
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<td>RC West tabletop exercise using September 6, 2022 as a use case</td>
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RC WEST SUMMER READINESS
2022 REVIEW

Tim Beach, Director, Reliability Coordination
RC West Operations Update – Peak Load

New Historical Peak Load Sept 6th HE18

- RC West Historical Peak 130,986 MW (127,643)
- WECC Historical Peak 167,530 MW (160,240)
### RC West Operations Update – EEA

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32 EEA’s occurred during the heat wave 9/1-9/9/2022

2023 EEA-3’s due to arming Firm Load for Contingency Reserves
Advance forecast of EEA’s (e.g. EEA-W forecasted for 1700-2200)

It is permissible to notify RCW of a forecasted EEA

RC will post GMS with forecasted declarations and repost at the effective time
Insecure Operating State
June 10th CAISO/PGAE Bakersfield Event

Loss of Midway-kern #4 230kV line would cascade on to Midway-kern #1 and #3 230kV lines, collapsing Bakersfield area. Boundary of the collapse could not be verified.

Post event analysis:
- Load has increased in the area, but was not expected at the level experienced
- There was a post-contingent reconfigure plan, which became unfeasible when the Insecure Operating State level was reached.
- All three entities operated to the same ratings during the event (PGAE/CAISO/RCW)
- PGAE has an on-going multi-year project in the area which increases line capacity
- Post event PGAE reassessed work that was complete as part of the project and issued new ratings.
- The reconfiguration plan remains available for use under extreme load conditions.
Insecure Operating State
June 10th CAISO/PGAE Bakersfield Event

RC Operations review:
- RC and TD did a good job discussing the load shed options, load shed amount
- RC could have been more clear on reinforcing the importance of the 30 minute mitigation requirement
- During mitigation instructions the words “Operating Instructions” weren’t used. But the Shift Manager perceived mitigation instructions as an Operating Instruction
Lesson Learned Training

• If load shed is instructed:
  o Make sure to state that you are giving an Operating Instruction.
  o Be clear and concise with the instruction, and confirm a good repeat back.

• If post-contingent loading is over 100%, but under 125%: (Proactive prep)
  o Validate post-contingency load shed plan
  o Make sure TOP / PTO agrees to specific breakers to open
  o Verify enough load can be shed quickly (by SCADA) to reduce loading below all Emergency Limits

• It is only an assumption that relays will open a line that is over 125% of its Emergency Limit
  o What do you do if contingency occurs and line remains in service and heavily overloaded?
Other Highlights

- BA Capacity Emergency and Reserve Drills
  - Held 20 joint simulations sessions with RC and BA Operators
Other Highlights

- Core Value- Continuous Improvement
  - 88 RC procedures
    - In 2022, 49 procedures and operating guides were revised or developed
    - Improved Voltage SOL methodology (in parallel ops)
    - Developed a Frequency Response Monitor and Mitigation Procedure (in parallel ops)
    - Developed a NWMT Path Operating Guide
    - Improved the OREX IROL Operating Guide
    - Improved the Open Loop Guideline
RC West Summer Transmission Assessment Overview

May 23rd 2023

Raja Thappetaobula - Director, Operation Engineering Services
RCWEST TOP’s
2023 Summer Assessment

- RC West performs a coordination and facilitation role in the seasonal planning process for its RC Area as needed.

- The subregional study groups, and the TOPs that comprise the subregional study groups, in consultation with the RC, are responsible for determining the studies to be performed for a given season.

- RCWEST pre and post contingency thermal and voltage performance criteria is evaluated against stressed summer conditions.

- RCWEST transient performance criteria is also evaluated.

- Mitigation plans are developed and coordinated with RCWEST for any issues identified.
No major new transmission reliability issues have been identified from the summer transmission assessment.

No new IROL’s have been identified.

PG&E 500 kV Derates due to facility rating evaluation

TTC changes on COI/Path 66 due to derates.

Long term outage at Sylmar Bank E has path 41 impacts and operating procedures are updated to manage the concerns.
COI (Path 66)

- **COI Interface:**
  - Malin – Round Mountain No.1 500 kV line
  - Malin – Round Mountain No.2 500 kV line
  - Captain Jack – Olinda 500 kV line

- **Path Rating:**
  - 4484 MW in North-to-South direction
  - 3675 MW in South-to-North direction
Path 41 – Sylmar Banks

- Comprised of three banks (E, F, and G)
- Bank E is OOS on longer term outage
- CAISO/SCE/LADWP performed N-1 and N-1-1 studies and updated appropriate procedures for summer operations.
TOP’s Summer assessment Study

- RCWEST processed through the summer assessment study results that TOP performed and submitted on RC portal.

- No major thermal issues that will have adverse impact on summer reliability have been identified.

- Identified SOL’s have appropriate mitigation plans and operating procedures.

- System has adequate reactive margins to manage voltages.

- Adequate Load serving capability for expected peak conditions.
New Projects

- DOPD and CHPD have a contract for a project that transferred CHPD’s ownership of the Rocky Reach-Chelan #1 115-kV Line to DOPD.

- NMWT has couple of system upgrades
  - Rimrock Auto (RMRK_AUT)
    - Brand new substation complete
  - Laurel Auto (LAUREL_A)
    - Rebuilding existing ring bus to breaker-and-a-half
  - Missoula City (MSLA_1)
    - Refurbishing a substation – no new configuration

- Arizona Public Service
  - Interconnected the Chevelon Butte Substation in the Preacher Canyon – Cholla 345kV Line
  - The Chevelon Butte substation is for a wind generation interconnection (Potential of 240 MWs)
New Projects

• CAISO
  – East Shore-Oakland J 115 kV Line Reconductoring Project
  – Oakland Clean Energy Initiative Project (OCEI) - Phase 2 (Moraga 115kV Bus upgrade)
  – Panoche-Oro Loma 115 kV Reconductoring
  – Los Banos - Quinto Switching Station 230 kV Line Reconductoring Project
  – The Inyo-Phase shifter has been upgraded.
  – Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave (ELM) Series Caps & Equipment Upgrades
  – South Orange County reliability enhancement.
Conclusions:

- TTC reductions across couple of paths that will have minor impact on summer operations.
- No new IROL’s have been identified.
- RCWEST operators have been trained on the summer transmission assessment and changes in the system.
- RCWEST has appropriate tools and procedures to manage existing IROL’s.
Samson Adigun, Manager, Reliability Coordination

RC WEST EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND OPERATING GUIDES
RC Operator can declare EEA Watch, and three levels of EEA to assist BA mitigate a capacity or energy emergencies.

EEA Watch
- Not an official EOP-11 EEA level
- May be requested by BA prior to the operating day, or earlier in the operating day, if BA forecasts being in an EEA level.
- This proactive notification may be helpful to assist the BA procure additional energy or capacity.
3.1.1. EEA Watch

A BA may request the RC operator to declare an “EEA Watch” one or more days prior to the operating day, or during the operating day, if the BA forecasts being in an EEA level.

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<td>• Discuss with the BA forecasting a potential energy or capacity deficiency, and</td>
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<td>• Determine whether an EEA Watch would be desired and the applicable day (date) and/or time period.</td>
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<td>• Upon request by the BA, declare an EEA Watch via a WECC-wide GMS message, notifying all BAs, TOPs and Western RCs (See Section 3.1.6 for templates).</td>
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<td>• Notify market participants in the RC Area via GMS.</td>
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<td>• Cancel EEA Watch via GMS, if conditions change, and the BA no longer forecasts being in an EEA.</td>
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Sample GMS Message - EEA Watch

EEA Watch Declaration: [CAISO]

From: California ISO GMS Messaging Alert
To: Recipient

Effective 1315 PPT, [CAISO] is forecasting being in EEA [2] from [1700] PPT to [2200] PPT on [9/6/2022]. Please contact the entity at (916) 555-5555 if you can provide assistance.

RC sends two GMS messages:
1. WECC All Reliability
2. All Market Participants

No RCIS sent for EEA Watch
RC0410 – Capacity and Energy Emergencies Energy Emergency Alerts (EEA) per NERC EOP-011

• EEA declaration is another tool to assist a BA maintain system reliability.
  – EEA should *not* be viewed as badge of shame or something to be avoided
  – RC responsible for notifying all BAs and TOPs in the RC area, and neighboring RCs in the Interconnection

• Initiated only by RC at 1) the RC’s own request, or 2) upon the request of an energy deficient BA.

• NERC has established three levels of EEAs.
Energy Emergency Alerts (EEA) Levels

Three levels of EEAs and an additional termination level. Not necessary to progress through the levels sequentially.

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<td>Load management procedures in effect</td>
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<td>EEA 3</td>
<td>Firm Load interruption is imminent or in progress</td>
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<td>EEA 0</td>
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Questions asked by RC Operator to verify appropriate EEA Level

• **RSG**
  – RC operator will determine if BA is part of RSG and if reserves are deliverable, and if EEA is required

• **EEA Level 1**
  – Is all generation within BA committed to meet firm load, firm transaction and reserve commitments?
  – Is BA concerned about sustaining required Contingency Reserves?
  – Has BA curtailed all wholesale energy sales, other than those that are recallable to meet reserve requirements?
Questions asked by RC Operator to verify appropriate EEA Level

- **EEA Level 2**
  - Is BA implementing demand response or other emergency load management procedures?
  - Are there any generation or transmission outages that can be cancelled or recalled which may relieve loading on SOLs or IROLs for the possibility of energy or reserve deliverability?

- BA will need to update RC west at a minimum of every hour until the EEA 2 is terminated
Questions asked by RC Operator to verify appropriate EEA Level

- **EEA Level 3**
  - Has BA exhausted all mitigation steps under EEA 1 and 2?
  - Is BA considering or currently in the process of shedding load?
  - Is BA considering *designating firm load as Contingency Reserve*? How much?
    - Must be deployable in 10 minutes

- If load is being counted as reserves, BA should *update the ICCP point sent to RC West* indicating the new available Contingency Reserves?

- BA will need to update RC west at a minimum of every hour until the EEA 3 is terminated
Sample GMS Message - EEA Level

EEA-3 Declaration: [IPCO]

From: California ISO GMS Messaging Alert
To: Recipient

Effective [1712] hrs PPT, The RC West Reliability Coordinator has declared an EEA-3 for [IPCO]. Please contact the deficient entity at (555) 123-4444 if you can provide emergency assistance.

RC sends 3 messages:
1. GMS: WECC All Reliability
2. GMS: All Market Participants
3. RCIS
Procedure RC0410B
Transmission Emergencies Due to Wildfire
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Transmission Emergencies Due to Wildfire

• **TOP Actions**
  - In accordance with TOP-0015 R8, TOP should notify the RC when it becomes aware of a wildfire that threatens BES equipment, and could result in a BES emergency.
  - Declare a multiple contingency as credible based on its assessment of the threat to the BES
Procedure RC0410B
Transmission Emergencies Due to Wildfire

• RC West Actions:
  – If alerted to new wildfire within 2 miles of BES
    • Contact TOP and confirm if threatened, or if multiple contingency is being declared threatened
    • Has authority to declare MC credible (may supersede TOP designation)
  – Coordinate with RT Operations Engineer to study potential impact of fire and the credible contingency.
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<td>recovery plan, including target recovery time</td>
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<td>If denying a Reliability Adjustment Arranged Interchange, (typically called a “Curtailment”)</td>
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<td>Phone notification or GMS</td>
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<td>A Conditionally Credible Multiple Contingency is declared a Credible Multiple Contingency by the TOP due to the Observable System Conditions</td>
<td>TOP</td>
<td>Phone notification or GMS</td>
<td>As soon as practicable</td>
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Procedure RC0410B
Transmission Emergencies Due to Wildfire

• RC West Actions (continued):
  – Identify contingency in RTCA and determine if contingency would trigger a major RAS or drop significant amount of load (RTOE may need to define)
  – Send out Wildfire Transmission Emergency GMS message including HANA contingency name so that TOPs may review potential impact
  – Send Informational Wildfire GMS message if contingency would potentially trigger RAS actions that impact another TOP or BA, but does not deem the event an emergency
  – Implement mitigating actions according to established procedures
Wildfire Threat to BES lines (BES Emergency)

From: California ISO GMS Messaging Alert
To: Recipient

Wildfire is threatening BES line(s) in [XXX] TOP area.

BES Elements:
XXXX
XXXX

RC West analysis indicate potential RAS actions which could trigger generation/load drop from the conditionally credible contingency. HANA users can monitor the potential impact of the contingency on the "Contingency Details" display in HANA (RTSA > Output > Contingency Details).

Contingency Name: XXXXX
Procedure RC0310C
Guidelines for Declaring Insecure Operating State
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When RTCA, RT-DSA or RT-VSA indicates a single or credible multiple Contingency will result in instability, cascading outages or voltage collapse, which was not identified one or more days prior to the current day, the system is considered to be in an Insecure Operating State once the condition is verified. Declaring an Insecure Operating State is at the discretion of the RC operator.

The RC shall declare an Insecure Operating State without intentional delay as soon as the indicated condition is verified.

The following thresholds may be used for declaring an Insecure Operating State:

- 4 adjacent >200kV station Voltages 5% below steady-state SOL
- 4 BES lines will cascade out of service after a single or credible multiple contingency
- Voltage collapse or instability is affecting 345kV and/or 500kV facilities
- Assessment time is exceeding 30 minutes without being able to invalidate the indicated condition

An Insecure Operating State is a Transmission System Emergency. The system must be returned to a secure state without delay, and no longer than 30 minutes after the Insecure Operating State is declared.
Thank you!
2023 SUMMER LOADS AND RESOURCES ASSESSMENT
Summer 2022 Review

Overview

- California load conditions were moderate till August 31-September 8
- Record breaking extended heat for large portion of region but not all at the same time

Role the WEIM had on reliability

- During September 2022 WEIM performed to get surplus to areas of higher need
- Responded to outages during critical times

Growth of storage

- Approximately 3,000 MW of storage added to the system
Key observations for 2023:

- 2023 materially improved conditions due to:
  - Addition of over 3,000 MW storage since summer 2022
  - Beneficial hydro conditions – at or near historical high

- Resource fleet scheduled to be online by June 1 exceeds the 1-in-10 planning target with a margin of approximately 200 MW

- Resources scheduled by September 1 exceeds the 1-in-10 planning target with a margin of approximately 2,300 MW

- Note planning targets address probability of calling on emergency measures, not actual loss of firm load
Key observations for 2023 (continued):

• Grid remains vulnerable to high loads and availability of imports during widespread heat events, especially in late summer

• Hours of most vulnerability continue to shift to hours after sunset when solar output declines

• Strategic reserves have been mobilized to safeguard against these extremes
The ISO is showing considerable improvement in the resource situation driven off of new resources and high hydro conditions.

- New resource development is continuing through the summer:

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<td>Solar</td>
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<td>Battery Storage</td>
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- Hydro conditions are tracking to record highs:
The improved resource situation more than offset modest increases in CEC load forecasts

### CEDU 2022 Planning Forecast for ISO Balancing Authority Area

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In 2022, the actual peak demand reached 52,061 MW – a 1-25 year event (weighted 3-day temperature using 28 years of weather data).
Assessing progress towards resource planning targets

1. Assessing the adequacy of the CPUC's Preferred System Portfolio (PSP) to meet resource planning targets for the CEC's load forecast

2. Determine the actual resource requirement to precisely meet the planning targets based on surpluses or shortfalls in the PSP

3. Compare the existing resource fleet and resources scheduled to be online by summer against the requirement that meets the planning targets
Overall, the ISO balancing authority area is expected to achieve the reliability planning target of 1-in-10 LOLE.

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<td>With current high hydro conditions</td>
<td>~ 200 MW Surplus</td>
<td>~ 2300 MW Surplus</td>
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<td>With average hydro conditions</td>
<td>~ 1100 MW Shortfall</td>
<td>~ 960 MW Surplus</td>
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There was an estimated 1,700 MW capacity shortfall in 2022 to meet the planning target.
Peak load analysis also shows a significant improvement over 2022 in meeting operating reserves at peak load.

An 18.5% reserve margin is needed to meet reserve requirements and allowances for forced outages and to accommodate a 1-in-5 load level.
Overall 2023 conditions have improved significantly

- While the ISO is showing considerable improvement in the resource situation driven by the addition of over 3,000 MW storage supply and beneficial hydro conditions…

- …extreme drought, wildfires and continued potential for widespread regional heating event and other disruptions continue to pose a high risk for outages to the ISO grid.

- In order to safeguard against more extreme events, the CAISO continues to work with its state partners on the operation and sequencing of strategic reserves and emergency programs for this summer
Winter 2022 Overview

- Higher than normal precipitation across CA and desert SW
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} highest Sierra season snowfall on record
- Below normal temperatures across the entire west
Precipitation as of May 9

- California snowpack 244% of normal
- Cumulative precipitation:
  - Northern Sierra Precipitation:
    - 127% of average
  - San Joaquin Sierra Precipitation:
    - 167% of average
  - Tulare Basin Precipitation:
    - 195% of average
- Statewide precipitation:
  - 163% of normal
Despite above normal rainfall, reservoir levels remain low west-wide.
Drought improved over California and western US between 2022 and 2023

Maps as of May 2, 2023
2022 Summer: Observations

- Strongest heat in August and September
- Above normal overnight temps all summer
- Above average monsoon rainfall
  - Helped to keep desert SW from seeing as extreme heat
INPUTS TO THE SUMMER FORECAST
ENSO forecast from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC)

• Equatorial SSTs are currently near average across the Pacific
  – ENSO-neutral
• >60% chance of El Niño as early as MJJ, very likely to persist through entire of Summer
  – 40% chance of strong El Nino by end of year
“Typical” El Nino Summer

- Historically, ENSO is most influential on US temperatures and precipitation in the winter.
- In Summer, it has more of a relationship on coastal temperatures (especially Pac NW), with less bearing on interior.
2022 Spring vs 2023 – El Nino versus La Nina SST anomalies

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June – September SST Forecast

June

July

August

September

CFSv2 monthly SST anomalies (K)
NWS/NCEP/CPC
Initial conditions: 25 Apr 2023 – 4 May 2023

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Similar years: 2002, 2009, 2022

- Focusing on years with similar SST and El Niño patterns
- Watching positioning of ridge
  - Movement can shift the ridge of heat further east and allow for more seasonable temperatures across the coastal areas
SUMMER FORECAST
Temperature Outlook
June – August

- Overall western US temperature leaning above normal
- Cool SSTs off the coast expecting milder conditions with enhanced marine layer along coastal CA in June and July
- Indications that Northern CA, Pac NW and the Desert SW could see larger temperature anomalies
- Guidance leaning towards slightly improved from ‘22
Precipitation Outlook
June – August

- Mild drought likely to persist for the deserts
- Leaning towards below normal summer rainfall for Pacific Northwest and some monsoon locations
- Potential for above average hurricane activity in the Pacific
Weather Outlook
August – October

- Due to warming SSTs to above normal, chances for above normal high and low temperatures increase
- Better chances for coastal areas to see more impactful heat events
- Likely above normal for entire west
- Continued risk for below normal rainfall for Pac NW
Western Weather Outlook – Fire Risk
June – October

- Lower fire risk across CA through August due to increased snow pack and soil moisture
- Normal fire risk September - October
- Elevated fire risk across Pac NW due to below normal precip and above normal temps expected
“Typical” El Nino Summer

• Historically, ENSO is most influential on US temperatures and precipitation in the winter
Lower soil saturation relative to rainfall amount- can assist with snow melt keeping ground saturated longer into summer
Performance of ‘22 JJA

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Temperature for June–July–August 2022, Issued April 2022

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NOAA/NCEI Climate Division Palmer Drought Index
Jun to Sep 2022

NOAA/NCEI Climate Division Composite Palmer Drought Index
Jun to Sep 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019
Early Summer Drought Outlook

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for April 20 - July 31, 2023
Released April 20

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The ten areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity level by the end of the period, although drought still remains. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

Author:
Yun Fan
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Climate Prediction Center

http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73

California ISO
In reference to Winter Outlook 22/23 Verification

Difference in simulated precipitation between wettest La Niñas and driest La Niñas

Dec-Jan precipitation wettest 20% minus driest 20% compared to 1991–2020

Difference in Dec-Jan precipitation (percent of normal)

-20  20  60  100  140  180  220

SOUTHWESTERN U.S.

NOAA Climate.gov
Data: GDFL SPEAR
Tulare Lake

March 2

March 27

April 1

Flooded Area

Corcoran

Flooded Area

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Flooded Area

Corcoran

20 km

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Four-month Significant Fire Potential

May 2023

June 2023

May & June 2023
Four-month Significant Fire Potential
Four-month Significant Fire Potential

May – August 2023 California Highlights

• The state slowly dries in May with small pulses of moisture in the first half of the month with temperatures remaining below normal in the north state with the marine layer influencing south coast areas strongly; temperatures slightly warmer than normal in Great Basin and desert regions

• Weather outlook for June and July suggest near normal temperatures and below normal precipitation patterns. The current ENSO index is near neutral with a transition to an El Niño 62% likely by July

Webpage Source: monthly_seasonal_outlook.pdf (nifc.gov)
May – August 2023 California Highlights

- Near to below normal number of offshore wind events through June

- The south coast and mountains can expect below normal large-fire potential with wind-driven grass-fueled fire events through August

- North state remains green with a robust green-up in herbaceous and shrubs making flammable alignments unlikely through July as record snowpack levels melt and keep hydrologic systems charged

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Four-month Significant Fire Potential

May – August 2023 California Highlights

• Desert, Great Basin, and Modoc Plateau will have potential flammable alignments in July and August

• Mountain regions will be below normal fire potential with alpine areas under the influence of lingering snowpack well into August

• An early El Niño arrival could lead to higher temperatures, greater lightning potential, and make all the above moot

Webpage Source: monthly_seasonal_outlook.pdf (nifc.gov)
Weather Discussion: El Niño

- The El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in a neutral position, trending to an El Niño pattern
- Affects jet stream flow and how the Subtropical Ridge builds which controls monsoon flow
- Late summer lightning activity potential
Weather Discussion: Drought Monitor

- Drought conditions have improved with the most populous regions experiencing none
- Siskiyou and Modoc counties continue with moderate drought conditions
- Mojave & Colorado deserts are dry
Weather & Fuels Discussion: Storm Damage

- Increased fuel loading induced by low snow levels and heavier snow loads on drought-weakened trees
- Impacts to access roads where mass wasting and culvert failure could delay Initial Attack from gaining access to ignition area
Fuels Discussion: Increased Fuel Loading

- Wind damage, snow breakage, and residual mortality snags from previous years will only add to heavy fuel loading
Weather & Fuels Discussion: Storm Damage

- Snowpack conceals the full scope of impacts to forest roads throughout state
- Snow melt runoff will exacerbate the damage

Source: Local emergency due to storm damage | Placer County, CA
Fuels Discussion: Tree Mortality in North State

- Drought-induced tree mortality has reached the north state
- Primarily affecting *Abies* in Sierra/Cascade range
- Douglas-fir mortality in Siskiyou/Trinity region
- Snag risk – impacts to firefighters and infrastructure
California Outlook

• Great Basin and Modoc Plateau areas are still affected by drier conditions and warrant higher alert levels for larger fire potential
Fuels Discussion: Drying Grasses

- Increased fuel loading from Spring flush of herbaceous material averaging a ton per acre through much of the “Golden Hills of California”

- Significant flash fuels combined with higher temperatures associated with El Niño: high fire potential with wind events
Fuels Discussion: Drying Grasses

• Herbaceous materials are beginning to dry and cure on south-facing and level areas in the southern Central Valley
Fuels Discussion: Drying Grasses & Denser Loading

- Significant flush of herbaceous and increased loading that will skew fuel modeling
- Grass Model value upgraded in Fire Sims to reflect taller, fuller herbaceous biomass
Fuels Discussion: Fuels GR2 vs. GR4 Modelling

- Eel River serpentine grasslands modelled fire using standard GR2 fuels: 850.6 acres

Weather Constants
- Ignition Start 14h00
- Wind Speed 8 mph
- Winds out of SW
- 1-hour Fuel Moisture 4%
Fuels Discussion: Fuels GR2 vs. GR4 Modelling

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Fuels
Source: FuelcastApp
Fuels Discussion: Fuels GR2 vs. GR4 Modelling

Weather Constants
- Ignition Start 14h00
- Wind Speed 8 mph
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- 1-hour Fuel Moisture 4%

- Gorman Substation modelled fire using standard GR2 fuels: 527 acres
Gorman Substation modelled fire replacing GR2 fuels with GR4 fuels: 1,839.6 acres
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Source: [FuelcastApp](#)
California 2023 Outlook: Déjà vu?

- The wet and snowy 2016/2017 winter was followed by robust wildfire activity in late 2017; will 2023 be a repeat?
- Potential is there, many factors will need to align once more
Northwest Region Four-month Significant Fire Potential

May & June 2023
Northwest Region Four-month Significant Fire Potential

May & June 2023

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook

July 2023

August 2023

Above-normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur. Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below-normal periods.


Significant Wildland Fire Potential

Above Normal
Below Normal
Normal

Geographic Area Boundary
Predictive Services Area Boundary
State Border

Northwest Region Four-month Significant Fire Potential

May – August 2023 Oregon/Washington Highlights

• Outlooks through May and beyond continue to suggest a transition to warmer than usual conditions during Fire Season 2023.

• Normal (i.e. very low) risk of significant fires is expected over the Northwest Area until July and August when areas of central and southeast Oregon are expected to be above average potential for significant fires.
Great Basin Region Four-month Significant Fire Potential

May – August 2023 Nevada Highlights

• Outlooks for May and June continue to reflect a normal fire risk model as the weather forecast calls for normal to cool conditions.

• As the weather model begins to warm and drier conditions in July and August the southern Idaho and northwest corner of Nevada will begin to reflect above normal fire potential with the remaining areas of the district remaining at normal risk.
Weather Discussion: Drought Monitor

- Drought conditions will continue with forecasted below normal precipitation over the northwest
- Above normal temperatures are also forecasted
2022 CAISO SUMMER RECAP
Dave Delparte, Director Real Time Operations
Summer 2022 Review

Overview

• California load conditions were moderate until the end of August and early September.
• Aug 31 through September 9 conditions were extreme.

Role the WEIM had on reliability

• During heat event EIM Transfers were very helpful, well over 1000 MW during Critical hours most days
• September 6 HE 18, 500 – 1000, HE 19 500 - 2200

Growth of storage

• Sept 1 2021 CASIO had ~1000 MW of storage
• Sept 1 2022 CAISO had ~3200 MW of storage
• Sept 1 2023 CAISO expects to add another 3000-4000 MW of storage
Recap of CAISO System Peak on September 6

1-in-2 peak demand forecast was 45,866 MW
1-in-10 peak demand forecast was 51,469 MW

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Sept 6 summary

We knew it was going to be a tough day. A long developing event

- Day ahead outlook (9/5) - Peak Forecast of 51,144 MW, ~ 1900 MW deficiency for HE 20
  - RMO* 1200 – 2200
  - Flex Alert 1600 – 2000
  - EEA Watch 1700 - 2100

- 9/6 10:00 RC West declared CAISO BA in EEA1 1600 – 2100
  - Informed RC we anticipated requesting EEA-2 and EEA 3 later in the day

- Great coordination with the CAISO BA utilities (using SSU*) and the ELRP* Board

- 11:15, 3 transmission lines relay (Five Fire) ~800 MW of gen at risk

- During the day we at one time or another had ~ 1500 MW of resources trip. ~ 800 MW returned by the time of our peak load

*(RMO) Restricted Maintenance Operations
(ELRP) Emergency Load Reduction Program
(SSU) System Status Updates
Sept 6 summary

- Through the critical hours we enabled load reductions through the ELRP and State emergency programs. We also dispatched ~ 700 MW of RDRR*.
- 1600 we went to EEA2, called for SPAP* to come on line, additional ELRP MW
  - Performed out of market energy purchases, requested Emergency Assistance
- 1658 Reached a peak load of 52,061 MW
- 17:17 EEA-3 Counted 2000 MW of firm load that could be dropped within 10 minutes as Contingency Reserves (no firm load shed)
- ~17:50 Blast text from CAL OES requesting public reduce energy usage
- 20:00 CAISO BA reduced to EEA-2 (no longer using firm load for CR)
- 20:30 Ended dispatch of RDRR
- 21:10 CAISO BA to EEA-0 (ended emergency declarations)

*(RDRR) Reliability Demand Response Resources
(SPAP) State Power Augmentation Program
Sep. 6 demand response and emergency resources

Demand trend
System demand, in megawatts, compared to the forecasted demand in 5-minute increments.

- 09/06/2022
- Options
- Download

- 4pm
  Flex Alert in effect
- ~5pm
  RDRR dispatched
- 5:17pm
  ISO declared EEA3
- 5:55
  WEA text

California ISO
September 1 Load Curve (Thursday)
Load Curve September 5 (Monday Holiday)
September 6 Load Curve
Thanks

- Thank you everyone, Governors Office, PTO, Scheduling Coordinators, ELRP Board, Energy Marketers, and the Western Interconnection BAAs.
- Thank you energy consumers for responding.
- From ISO perspective everyone was doing all they could to help, not 100% prepared for everything that came our way but felt it was the best prepared we have ever been.
SUPPLEMENTAL SLIDES IF NEEDED
Sept 6 peak and net peak resource stack

Peak (52,061 MW)  (4:58 pm)

Net peak (45,141 MW) (6:58 pm)
EMERGENCY PLAYBOOK

Tricia Johnstone, Director Operational Readiness
Key takeaways from summer 2022

• Create and post on [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com) - public version of the “Emergency Playbook” to share and reference for Summer Heat Event – Process and Communications
• Consistent w/ Playbook - add “Forecasted System Conditions” section to Procedure 4420 – System Emergency
• Improve coordination of internal CAISO communication roles and responsibilities
• Improve look ahead data and information & System Operations tools
• Strengthen criteria for the California Flex Alert
• Clarify emergency notice language for CAISO BA EEA 3
• Improve de-escalation notices
# Emergency Playbook: 1 – 7 days out

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## Operating Procedure 4420 – System Emergency

| Changes for 2023 | 
|------------------|---|
| Restricted Maintenance Operations | None |
| Transmission Emergency | None |
| Flex Alert | Criteria aligned with EEA Watch, when indicating supply shortfalls for 1 or more hours |
| Energy Emergency Alert Watch (EEA Watch) | None |
| EEA 1 | None |
| EEA 2 | None |
| EEA 3 | • EEA 3 Notice title in ISO Today mobile app, email and MNS is just “EEA 3”
  • Notice language will indicate – using firm load as contingency reserves, no instructions for firm load shedding at this time
• News release and Social media title will be: “EEA 3 – Using load as reserves”
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When possible, CAISO will notify utilities in advance using EEA Watch and EEA Watch updates:
- Reason field: include predicted EEA 1, 2, 3 conditions for future hours
- For predicted EEA 3 conditions: utilities determine when to initiate customer notifications
- CAISO will utilize “prorata” allocations whenever possible – reference OP 4510A
- The number of customers notified by each utility is based on the magnitude of the forecasted shortfall

It is possible in such cases as CAISO declared System or Transmission Emergencies that the CAISO could order one or more utilities to shed load immediately whether or not the ISO has previously issued any alert:
- In this scenario, the first priority is to shed the required load to preserve the security of the Electric System
- In this scenario, utilities will notify customers and county and state emergency management entities as soon as possible
Pre-Summer Training

• RC Summer Assessment
  – Weather and fire forecasts
  – Entity submitted system concerns and changes
  – New overview displays that are available
• Reserve Deficiency Drills with RC and BA Operators
• IROL and Restoration simulations

“What do we expect?” &
“What is the worst that could happen?”
Day-Ahead Preparation

- **Day-Ahead Operational Planning Analysis (OPA)**
  - Available to RC and Members to assess next day
- **RC Daily Report posted to RC Portal**
- **Notifications from RC members**
  - Contacting RC if concerns are emerging
  - Restricting maintenance, returning outages, revising limits
- **EEA Watch**
  - BA forecasts a capacity deficiency day-ahead
- **Assessing supplemental staffing**
  - Additional RCs, Grid Ops Managers, Engineers, etc.

Gathering and distributing information
Formulating Plans
Early Morning Preparation

• Morning Conference Calls
  – Northwest, Southwest, and WECC RC
• Checking-in on members with concerns
• Discussing potential scenarios internally

“Are the Day-Ahead conditions still accurate?”
Approaching Peak

- Monitoring conditions
  - Overloads
  - Reserve requirements
- Maximizing use of transmission system
  - Developing post-contingency action plans
  - Unscheduled Flow Mitigation
- Declaring Energy Emergency Alerts (EEAs) and other Emergencies as they appear

Coordinating actions to maintain reliability
PI RC Situational Awareness Display

Displays most critical system values on a single, graphical display.
CAISO 2023 SUMMER OUTLOOK
PREPARING FOR PEAK LOAD DAYS
Managing peak load days

- Todays Outlook
- Communicate with other BAAs, Our TOPs, Water Agencies
- RMOs
- Summer Play Book,
- SSU (System Status Updates), ELRP Board Meetings
- Review DA Market Results, Fires, Outages, RUC Adjust
- Flex Alert – EEA Watch
- SRR Strategic Reliability Reserve 291 MW, ELRP ~300 – 350 MW
- Manually commit Resource Adequacy (RA) resources outside of market if available, Capacity Payment Mechanism (CPM) – manually commit non-RA resources day ahead or day of
- Purchase Energy As Available On The Interties
- Emergency Procedures
Round Table, BPA | PAC | APS | SRP | LDWP

WESTERN BA’S PREPARATIONS FOR PEAK LOAD DAYS
RC West Summer Readiness Drill
2023

May 23rd 2023

Tim Beach - Director, Reliability Coordination
Drill Purpose

- Using Sept 4-6th 2022 as framework to walk through multiple day extreme heat event.
- Interactive discussion by RCW and BA/TOP pro-active preparatory steps.
- Interactive discussion RCW and BA/TOP response to system events.
Unrelenting September heat wave grips California and western U.S.

The historic heat wave, expected to last another five days, has been fueling fires and endangering health
RC West Daily RC Report
09/04/2022

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- RCW forecasted Peak Load 116,634 MW for HE 18
Remind entities that if they are concerned with sustaining operating reserves for any hour today that they may request an EEA Watch declaration or EEA level 1 declaration at any time to help with procuring additional resources.
2 Days Out (Sept 4th)
Daily 0600 Adjacent RC Conference call

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- SPPRC reports no new outages
Sept 4th Roundtable

• Actions taken by RCW
• Actions taken by BA’s
• Questions
• 1900 RC West observes wildfire .92 miles east of Malin-Round Mountain 1 and 2 500kV lines

• No indications of fire apparatus on site

• Notified CAISO of potential wildfire, also that airborne tanker appears traveling in that direction
Sept 4th Roundtable

- Actions taken by RCW
  - Wildfire
  - Other
- Actions taken by BA’s
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- Questions
Events Occurring During the Day

19:44 CAISO reports to RC West that the wildfire is 1/8 acre in size and fully contained with no threat to transmission equipment.
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Actuals Events Sept 4th

RCW Actual Peak Load 115,521 MW HE 18

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Roundtable

- Actions taken by RCW
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0706: RC West posts to GMS

- RTCA has identified a post-contingency angular difference greater than the maximum closing angle on the N. Gila - I. Valley 500 kV transmission line. Please review procedure RC9550.
- Notify RC West if you would like to request a conference call to discuss mitigating actions.
Events Occurring During the Day

1750 OREX IROL Margin less than 750MW (Limit 6000 MW)
Roundtable

- Actions taken by RCW
  - Phase Angle Reduction Plan
  - OREX IROL

- Actions taken by TOP/BA’s
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- Questions
Actuals Events Sept 5th

RCW Actual Peak Load 123,403 MW HE 18

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RC Daily Report Sept 6th

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**RC West Daily RC Report**

**09/06/2022**

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RC West (RCW) 0300/0400 PNW/PSW Conference calls

- Excessive Heat Warnings continue in California, Arizona, and Nevada
- Heightened wildfire risk present

- RC West Footprint Peak Load 124,778 MW HE 18 (actual loads have exceeded forecasts). Potential for new historic peak load
Peak Load day (Sept 6\textsuperscript{th})
RC West (RCW) 0300/0400 PNW/PSW Conference calls

- EEA 2 and 3's were declared during evening hours for some entities in the Southern part of the RC West footprint
- Expect Emergency Assistance requests during peak and net-peak periods, 1700-2200 hrs
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  - Path 3 TTC raised to 2700MW to assist getting more power into California.

- SPPRC reports no new outages. Expected high heat in Rocky Mountain and Desert Southwest area.
Roundtable

• Actions taken by RCW
• Actions taken by BA’s
• Questions
Events Occurring During the Day

06:33 CAISO reports potentially going deeper into Emergency Procedures later today. (EEA-3)

13:00 RC West notified of wildfire .5 miles west of Capitan-Jack Olinda 500kV line, and 1.8 miles west of Malin-Round Mountain 1 and 2 500kV lines. (this event added for the purposes of the drill)

- Aided by moderate westerly wind, the fire is burning toward the lines
- Fire fighting and air tankers are in route to fire
- Unless stopped fire will reach Captain Jack- Olinda in 1 hour
Roundtable

- Actions taken by RCW
  - Wildfire
  - EEA
- Actions taken by BA’s
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  - EEA
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Actuals Events Sept 6th

RCW Actual Peak Load 130,986 MW HE 18
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