

EEA 2

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Energy Emergency Alert 2 declared to protect grid

Reducing energy use this evening will be key to preventing outages

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) has issued an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) 2, effective today from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The emergency alert has been declared to help the grid secure more supplies and urge market participants to lower demand on the system. The state and much of the West is enduring an historically long and record-breaking heat wave, straining the grid from high electricity use.

A Flex Alert is also in effect again for today, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. to help alleviate grid stress and avoid rotating power outages.

When the Flex Alert conservation period is in effect, consumers are urged to:

- Set their thermostat to 78 degrees
- Avoid using the oven, dishwasher, washer and dryer
- Turn off unnecessary lights

To be as comfortable as possible during the Flex Alert hours, consumers are also encouraged to manage electricity use by taking these steps before 4 p.m. today:

- Pre-cool your home by lowering the thermostat as low as 72 degrees
- Use major appliances, like dishwashers, washers and dryers, and ovens
- Adjust blinds and drapes to cover windows

To learn more about EEA designations, view the [Emergency Notifications fact sheet](#).

For more information on grid conditions, view today's [video of Elliot Mainzer, the CEO of the ISO](#).

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The Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) is a real-time wholesale energy trading market that enables participants anywhere in the West to buy and sell energy when needed. The WEIM Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders and has shared authority with the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the WEIM.