

# Power Watch

#### Stage 1 Emergency

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

#### Stage 2 Emergency

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

#### Stage 3 Emergency

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



#### **Powerful Habits**

- Set thermostat at 82 degrees or higher
- Cool with fans
- Draw the drapes
- Turn off unnecessary lights and appliances
- Use big appliances in early morning or late at night

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### **CONSERVATION WORKS!**

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## MORE CONSERVATION NEEDED AS PEAK DEMAND SKYROCKETS TO CRITICAL POINT MONDAY

The electricity demand experienced within the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) control area Friday and Saturday demonstrates tremendous growth in the demand for electricity – the amount of growth forecasted to appear five years from now. Friday's peak of 49,036 megawatts set a new record for electricity usage for the state, breaking the old record by 2,500 MWs.

Thus far, the California ISO has served this record demand, but it has been with some difficulty and challenges. The amount of conservation received during the peak periods has been making a tremendous difference and the ISO wants to express its appreciation. However additional conservation is critical for Monday if the ISO and the state's utilities are to continue service. If Californians do not step up their conservation efforts tomorrow considerably, rotating outages are possible.

#### 24-Hour Ahead Outlook for Monday July 24 California ISO Continues <u>Power Watch Day</u>

With the return of the workweek, business and commercial buildings that have been closed through the weekend will be open again and consuming electricity. The California ISO is expecting very high demand and additional conservation must be received Monday afternoon to ensure there is enough electricity to avoid the possibility of rotating outages.

- Stage 1: Likely Stage 2: Likely Stage 3: Possible
- Forecast peak demand: 52,000 megawatts around 4:00 p.m.

Please monitor the California ISO website at www.caiso.com for updated information about the electricity supply. The *Systems Condition* page provides the current demand on the Grid and an hour-by-hour forecast of the day's electrical surplus/shortfall is available in *Today's Outlook*.

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