



Heat Wave Tips

- **Draw drapes**
- **Set thermostat at 78 degrees or higher**
- **Cool with fans**
- **Use appliances in early morning or late at night**

STAGE 1

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

STAGE 2

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

STAGE 3

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

Power Watch 2000

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CALIFORNIA ISO CALLS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION

Rising Temps in the State and Continuing Heat in the Southwest

Expected to Narrow Energy Reserves

(Folsom, CA) Weather forecasts calling for high temperatures throughout California and the Southwestern Region have prompted the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) to declare **Monday, July 24th a Power Watch Day**. The California ISO urges Californians to watch their energy consumption, curtailing their use of electricity whenever possible.

A high pressure system, which moved into the state this weekend, is expected to raise temperatures along with the consumer demand for energy for at least the first couple of days this week. California's Central Valley is forecast to return to the triple digits, while temperatures in the southern part of the state and the Southwest are expected remain high. An increased demand for electricity, to power air conditioning units and other appliances, is forecasted to deplete energy reserves within the state on Monday.

The peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 43,600 megawatts by Monday afternoon. The record peak was 45,884 megawatts on July 12, 1999. Information about the California ISO control area's electricity supply and the current demand is available on the web at www.caiso.com.

Power Watch 2000 is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the California ISO to communicate the current electricity resource outlook, in light of the rising demand for power in California. By providing regular updates on system conditions and peak demand forecasts, the California ISO hopes to convey the importance of using electricity wisely on days when electricity reserves may run low.

Incorporated under California law (AB 1890), the not-for-profit California ISO is chartered by the state to manage the flow of electricity along the long-distance, high-voltage power lines that make up the bulk of California's transmission system. Following restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable, safe, competitive and accessible. For questions relating to the status of the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses, please contact your local utility.

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