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## Heat Wave Tips

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

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### STAGE 1

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

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### STAGE 2

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

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### STAGE 3

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

# Power Watch 2000

## CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR

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### HEAT WAVE PROMPTS CALIFORNIA ISO TO PUT OUT CALL FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION

(Folsom, CA) The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) has declared **Tuesday, September 19th a Power Watch Day**. Energy conservation from California residents is urgently as the heat wave in California and the Western United States continues for a fourth day.

Tuesday's estimated peak demand on the ISO-controlled Grid is expected to reach 44,827 megawatts by late afternoon. **Continuously updated information about California ISO operations is available on the web at [www.caiso.com](http://www.caiso.com).**

**The ISO would like to thank ALL those who are assisting in ensuring that the grid remains reliable, particularly the Western Area Power Administration whose timely delivery of emergency power on Monday helped the ISO avert a Stage 3 emergency.**

**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 the restructuring of the state's electricity industry, the California ISO's mission is to keep the open market power grid in California reliable,

Questions related to the electrical distribution systems that carry electricity directly to homes and businesses should be directed to local utilities.