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Consumer conservation helps avert outages for second straight day Grid operator will not order power interruptions tonight; thanks consumers

FOLSOM, Calif. – For the second consecutive day, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) has announced that expected rotating power outages will not occur, as consumers again answered the call to conserve.

The ISO grid also received some imported energy, and wind plants churned some resources into the system late in the day.

The grid operator had earlier declared a Stage 2 Emergency, and was preparing to order load shed to take the strain off the grid. Demand, however, came in lower than forecast. The Stage 2 Emergency was cancelled at 7:37 p.m.

“Californians made tonight a success,” said Steve Berberich, ISO president and CEO. “Everyone pulled together and responded to our warning with action to avoid any interruption in electricity supplies.”

California’s record-breaking heat wave has put strain on the ISO electric system since Friday, Aug. 14, as air conditioners pushed up electricity demand.

In an effort to prevent or limit power outages during this heat wave, the ISO issued a statewide Flex Alert, a call for voluntary electricity conservation, through Wednesday. The Flex Alerts are in effect from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day. Because of high heat, the grid still needs conservation through at least tomorrow.

For the most up-to-date information on emergencies, follow us on Twitter at [@California_ISO](https://twitter.com/California_ISO).

For information on Flex Alerts, and to get more electricity conservation tips, visit the ISO’s [Flex Alert website](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about System Alerts, Warnings and Emergencies. Follow grid conditions in real time at ISO’s [Today’s Outlook](#), or download the free ISO Today mobile app.

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The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders with delegated authority from the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the Western EIM.