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ISO Declares Monday A Flex Your Power NOW Day

Grid Operator Urging Conservation as Power Usage Soars Over the Weekend

Monday, July 18: Flex Your Power NOW Day

Sunday's peak demand of approximately 40,405 megawatts set a Sunday record for energy use in California and marked the first time that demand topped 40,000 megawatts for seven days in a row. That string of high demand days will continue on Monday, July 18 with a peak demand forecast of 45,988 Megawatts. The ISO predicts there will be enough power available to meet that demand, however, when demand is that high, there are fewer options available to deal with the unexpected—such as the loss of a major power plant, or a transmission line tripping out of service. Subsequently, the ISO is declaring **Monday a Flex Your Power NOW day**, and is urging Californians to reduce their energy usage especially during the afternoon peak demand hours of 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Stage One Alert: **possible** Stage Two Alert: **unlikely** Stage Three Alert: **unlikely**

Powerful Habits:

- Set Thermostat at 78 or higher
- Cool with fans
- Draw the drapes
- Turn off unnecessary lights and appliances
- Use big appliances early in the day, or later at night

Stage One Emergency Consumers are urged to reduce their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid severe conditions.	Stage Two Emergency Voluntary interruption of service to select customers is possible to avoid more severe conditions.	Stage Three Emergency Consumers are advised that involuntary interruptions of service have begun and will continue until the emergency has passed.
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