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No electricity outages expected today, says California ISO

Consumer conservation key to relieving stress on the power grid

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) announced tonight that no rotating power outages are anticipated, thanks to reduced demand due to consumer conservation and cooler than expected weather.

The grid operator earlier declared a Stage 2 Emergency, and had expected to have 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 7:30 p.m.

“We are grateful to families and businesses across the state that answered the call to reduce electricity use during a crucial time on the grid,” said Steve Berberich, ISO president and CEO. “This heat storm is not over, and we still expect exceedingly hot temperatures tomorrow and Wednesday. With continued help from California residents in conserving energy, much like today, we can reduce the risk of power outages.

“Our grid operators and all the ISO staff have been doing everything they can to find energy to cover demand during this heat wave and to keep the system balanced during an extreme heat wave,” Berberich said. “We urge consumers to continue to help us in our mission.”

California’s record-breaking heat wave has put extraordinary strain on the ISO electric system, as air conditioners are working harder and longer to keep spaces cool during the high temperatures.

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 and limited energy supplies, rotating power outages still are likely over the next two days.

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.