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PRESS RELEASE
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Stay Safe and Conserve Energy: 3-10pm Window is Critical

LAKE COUNTY, CA (August 17, 2020) – On Saturday, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) issued a “Flex Alert,” asking residents to conserve energy each day from 3-10pm, through Wednesday of this week, to reduce the likelihood of rotating electrical outages: <http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Flex-Alert-Issued-Next-Four-Days-Calling-Statewide-Conservation.pdf>

Governor Newsom and the California Office of Emergency Services emphasized this is, “An historic [West Coast] heat wave,” and “Energy shortages” are likely: <http://www.oesnews.com/as-west-coast-faces-historic-heat-wave-energy-shortages-governor-newsom-signs-heat-emergency-proclamation-to-free-up-energy-capacity/>

Lake County residents and businesses must do our part. Here are 7 steps you should take from 3-10pm, “the most critical time of the day... when temperatures remain high and solar production is falling due to the sun setting,” per CAISO:

- Set your thermostat to 78° or higher, if health permits
- Refrain from major appliance use; turn off unnecessary lights and appliances
- Unplug unused electrical devices
- Close blinds and drapes
- Use fans when possible
- Limit time the refrigerator door is open

Before 3pm, you can take steps to prepare your home or business for the Flex Alert period:

- “Pre-cool” homes, or lower air conditioning thermostats to 72 degrees
- Charge mobile devices and laptops
- Charge electric vehicles
- Run dishwashers, washing machines and other major appliances
- Set pool pumps to run in the early morning or late at night

Additional measures for individuals and businesses are listed here (bottom of the page): <http://www.oesnews.com/as-west-coast-faces-historic-heat-wave-cal-oes-highlights-steps-californians-should-take-to-stay-safe/>

CAISO publishes regular forecasts of energy demand and capacity here: <http://www.caiso.com/TodaysOutlook/Pages/default.aspx>

This weekend’s Red Flag Warning was also a reminder to Prepare Now for wildfire

English Video: <https://www.facebook.com/lakesheriff/videos/227858281749546/>

Spanish Video: <https://www.facebook.com/lakesheriff/videos/700125153876471/>

Thank you for doing your part to keep the power on, and your families and communities safe!