

California tells consumers to prepare to conserve energy in heatwave

“California’s power grid operator said Monday it does not anticipate rotating outages but urged customers to prepare to conserve energy during the coming heatwave. We are headed into some record-breaking high heat territory, and we may call a Flex Alert if needed, Anne Gonzales, a spokesperson for California Independent System Operator, which oversees most of the state’s electric grid,” reports Reuters in their blog.

“We are working to give the public as much advance notice as possible,” Gonzales said, noting we believe that consumer conservation saved us from extended and more severe rotating outages, both in August and September in 2020. Last summer, a heatwave in August forced California utilities to impose rotating blackouts that left over 400,000 homes and businesses without power for up to 2-1/2 hours when energy supplies ran short.”

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