

### **Flex Alert Overview**

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## **Agenda**

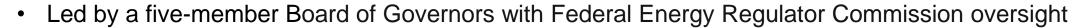


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- Created in 1998 as part of the state's energy market restructuring
- Manages the flow of electricity on California's grid
- Operates the wholesale energy marketplace
- Operates 24/7



30 million customers in California





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## What is a Flex Alert?



Voluntary call for conservation across the state.

Issued by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) when there is an anticipated shortage of energy supply

#### **Contributing factors**

- Humid, hot weather and heat storms drive up electricity use
- Unplanned power plant outages
- Fires that threaten or affect transmission lines.

#### **Customer notifications**

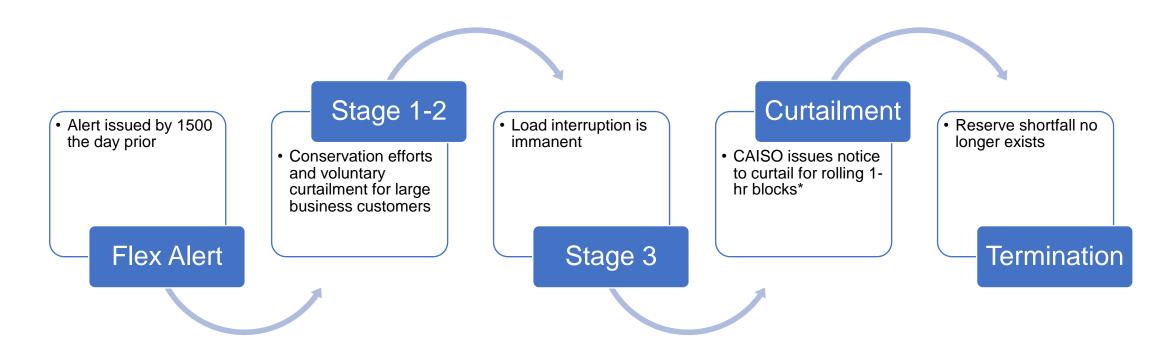
- Statewide marketing campaign to drive awareness and urge conservation when Flex Alert is called
- Sign-up for notifications at flexalert.org



Statewide marketing campaign creative.

# Cycle of Curtailment





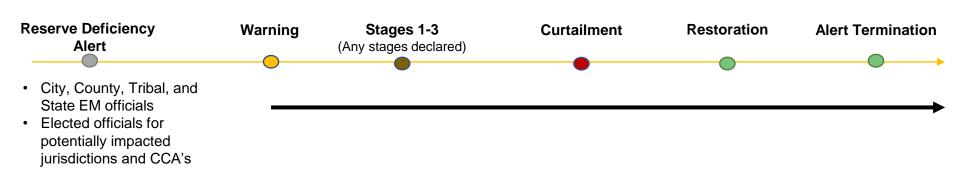
\*Each block is curtailed for a maximum of 1-hr. Number of blocks is determined by how many megawatts are included in the CAISO order. Once the order is given, curtailment is required within 10 mins.

Blocks are listed on <a href="https://www.sdgenews.com">www.sdgenews.com</a> when a Flex Alert is issued, and GIS maps are shared with public safety partners who have access the PSPS secure map portal.

## **CAISO** Notifications



#### Based anticipated scope



- Potentially Affected Customers
- CPUC
- Work with large commercial customers to encourage load shed

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- The priority is to shed the required load to preserve the security of the Electric System in the State
- IOUs will notify county and state emergency management entities as soon as possible
- Elected officials in impacted jurisdictions will be notified as soon as possible
- · Customers will be notified as soon as possible

<sup>\*</sup> It is possible, in such cases as a CAISO declared System or Transmission Emergencies, that CAISO could order an IOU or multiple IOUs to shed load immediately whether or not the ISO has previously issued any alert or warning. In this scenario:

# **Grid Resiliency Efforts**



#### **Grid Reliability**

Expanded local energy generation resources and capacity

Procured resources

 260 MW of new energy storage resources

## **Demand Response Programs**

New for the summer of 2021

- California State Emergency Load Program
- Emergency Load Reduction Pilot

Residential and Commercial program

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#### **Customer Outreach**

Summer campaign to reinforce energy saving tips and 4 – 9 pm on-peak period

- Save energy and money
- Make better use of cleaner, renewable energy sources



#### **Customer Action**

Sign-up for notification at flexalert.org

- Set thermostats to 78, health permitting
- Avoid using large appliances
- Turn off unnecessary lights
- Block the sun with drapes/blinds
- Use fans

