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California ISO continues in-person meeting restrictions due to virus Updated analysis of energy use and price during pandemic now available

FOLSOM, Calif. – In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) is extending restrictions for all in-person meetings at its offices and off-site venues, until further notice.

The ISO had previously set September 14 for reopening its offices and resuming in-person meetings. With the recent reports of increased virus cases in California and elsewhere, the ISO is extending the restrictions and will not be scheduling any in-person meetings or tours in the near future, to protect the health of staff, stakeholders, and the community.

Meetings continue to occur via teleconferences or webinars, with the same notifications to stakeholders through notices and the website. The ISO continues to closely monitor outbreak developments, and follow state and county guidelines for public health protocols.

While the pandemic and statewide restrictions have not caused reliability issues with the electricity system, the power grid has experienced a moderate amount of reduced energy usage due to the pandemic and state limitations on businesses. An [updated analysis](#) of load impacts is publicly available on the [News webpage](#) of the ISO's website. A COVID-19 section on that page houses all pandemic-related news and presentations.

As a reminder, the ISO's 2020 Stakeholder Symposium, scheduled for Oct. 29 and 30 in San Diego, is also cancelled, due to statewide restrictions on large gatherings.

The ISO will provide periodic updates to help stakeholders actively participate in meetings. Visit caiso.com for the latest information regarding meetings and visitor restrictions, follow us on Twitter at @California_ISO. To track notices and activities, follow @ISOMarketNotice, and sign up for the [Daily Briefing](#).

The ISO is responsible for managing the flow of electricity that serves 80 percent of California and a small portion of Nevada. The ISO also runs a real-time energy market for utilities in eight western states and conducts reliability coordinator services to most balancing authorities in the West.



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