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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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### **CAL FIRE Prepared for Predicted Weather Conditions** Utility Companies Turn Power Off in Areas of California

**Sacramento** – CAL FIRE has prepared for, and continues to prepare for, the potential of extreme fire weather across the state of California for the remainder of this year. With such extreme fire danger conditions in many parts of the state, many areas are seeing electricity being turned off by their utility companies preemptively to help prevent new fires from sparking. While we support precautions taken during these extreme weather conditions, please be aware that these measures are under the discretion, and only the discretion, of the utility companies. CAL FIRE is not involved in the decision of when and where the power is turned off, or when the power will be turned back on when such conditions arise.

The only time that CAL FIRE will request a power outage from a utility company is when there is an active wildfire that firefighters are fighting. The power shut-off request will only be for within the fire area and this is to provide for the safety of firefighters within that area. Comments, questions or concerns about the current power outages should be directed toward your utility company. CAL FIRE has no details as to when the power will be turned off and/or back on to your home or business.

For how you can be prepared for wildfires and evacuation steps visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

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