POWER PLAYS

By Mark Cernko

With Californians conserving during last month's heat wave, threatened statewide power outages mostly never came to pass. But they renewed a debate over how the state can reduce fossil-fuel emissions that contribute to climate change while maintaining a reliable electric grid. Below, an economics professor, a CFO and a business instructor weigh in.

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