

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Human Resources Branch
Human Resources Memorandum

SUBJECT: 1959 Survivor Benefit Program Rate Decrease effective July 1, 2015	NUMBER: HRB 15-020
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On April 15, 2015, CalPERS Board approved the contribution rates for the 1959 Survivor Benefit for eligible state employees. This benefit is provided to state employees who are not in Social Security. The state employee and employer monthly contribution rates will decrease from \$5.55 to \$5.20 each. The total monthly contribution approved for this benefit is \$10.40 for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Pursuant to Government Code section 21581(c), the contribution for state employees may be \$2.00 per month as long as the combined employee and employer cost for this benefit is \$4.00 per month. If the total cost of this benefit exceeds \$4.00 per month, the employee and employer shall share equally the cost of the benefit. State employees under the Judges' Retirement Systems and Legislators' Retirement System are not covered under the 1959 Survivor Benefit.

The State Controller's Office will implement the contribution change for all state employees subject to the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program.

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