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## **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

### **PEACE OFFICER APPLICANTS**

### **THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE NOTARIZED**

*California Government Code 1031, subsection (d) provides that each class of Public Officer or Employees declared by law to be Peace Officers shall "Be of good moral character, as determined by a thorough background investigation."*

*Truthful responses to inquiries are protected, even if unsolicited, by the absolute privilege of California Civil Code §47, subsections (b) and (c).*

As an applicant for a position with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, I am required to furnish information for use in determining my qualifications. For this purpose, I authorize release of any and all information you may have concerning me, including but not limited to, information of a confidential or privileged nature, or any data or materials which have been sealed or agreed to be withheld pursuant to any prior agreement or court proceeding involving disciplinary matters.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am an applicant for the position of Fish and Wildlife Warden with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. As a matter of agency policy, my prospective employer will conduct an investigation into my personal, and/or, medical, and/or psychological fitness to serve in this capacity.

I hereby direct you, your agency, organization, its custodian of records, and/or persons in your employ to release any and all information which you may have concerning me, including information which may be of confidential, privileged, and/or derogatory nature, including, but not limited to: employment information, official employment documents, employment performance data, character reference information, educational records and transcripts (pursuant to Public Law 90380), medical surgical, psychological and dental records if I am offered employment with this agency (pursuant to the Medical Information Act, Civil Code Section 56 et. Seq. and C.F.R. 1630, credit and financial information (pursuant to the Banking Privacy and Fair Credit Reporting Acts), local criminal history information (pursuant to Penal Code Section 13300 [b][10]), and Civil Code Section 47 referencing confidentiality, and/or any other information that you possess.

*I hereby acknowledge that I have been advised that the records or information contained therein may be considered confidential under California Penal Code §832.7, and therefore subject to discovery or disclosure only pursuant to a notice motion under California Evidence Code §1043. By signing this authorization I hereby waive any and all rights to have my or records or information contained therein discovered or disclosed only by noticed motion pursuant to California Evidence Code §1043, and hereby authorize the disclosure of all records to which, as an employee, the undersigned would have or did have access.*

I exonerate, release and discharge you, your organization, its officers, agents, employs, and assigns, from any liability or damages, whether in law or in equity, now and in the future, for furnishing the information requested by the bearer of this authorization.

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The applicant understands that any information discovered or communicated to the investigator or agent conducting this Background Investigation shall be promptly communicated to the appropriate jurisdictional investigating agency.

The applicant authorizes and releases any and all information related to any agreement, understanding, memoranda, or contract, verbal or written, that the applicant entered into with ANY previous employer binding any previous employer to NOT disclose the factual circumstances surrounding the separation of the applicant from employment with any or all previous employers. The applicant understands and accepts that the signing of this waiver vitiates any such agreement, understanding, memoranda, or contract, verbal or written, and that any previous employer is released from liability for releasing any documents, recordings, images, or digital data related to the factual circumstances of the applicant's separation from employment with any previous employer.

*It is further understood, acknowledged and agreed to, that any information secured pursuant to this statutorily required background investigation which would negatively reflect on my fitness for duty will be forwarded to my current law enforcement employer.*

This release shall be binding on my legal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

**This release expires in 180 days from the date of signature.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California  
County of \_\_\_\_\_)

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)