

Human Resources Branch Memorandum

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Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) employees of the increase to the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program, 5th Level Deduction. The amount was approved by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration for fiscal year 2019/2020 and authorized by the California Department of Human Resources and the Chancellor's office.

Authority

- CalPERS Board of Administration
- California Department of Human Resources
- [CalPERS Circular Letter No. 200-025-19 dated June 11, 2019](#)

1959 Survivor Benefit Program

The 1959 Survivor Benefit Program is an employer contract provision that provides monthly benefits for eligible survivors of participating members who die while actively employed. This benefit is available to peace officers, firefighters, state safety, and patrol members who are not in Social Security. State employees who are eligible for this program are automatically enrolled upon appointment to the eligible class or position.

Deduction Increase

Effective July 2019 pay period there will be an increase to the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program, 5th Level employee deduction amount. The increase is from \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Contact

Please direct any questions to your assigned Personnel Specialist.