

**California Department of Human Resources  
Memorandum**

**TO: Personnel Management Liaisons (PML)**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> 1959 Survivor Benefit	<b>REFERENCE NUMBER:</b> 2012-031
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On May 15, 2012, CalPERS Board approved the contribution rates for the 1959 Survivor Benefit for eligible state employees. The state employee and employer monthly contribution rates will remain at the current rate of \$5.45 each. The total monthly contribution approved for this benefit is \$10.90 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Pursuant to Government Code section 21581(c), the contribution for state employees covered under Government Code section 21574.7 (1959 Survivor Benefit – 5<sup>th</sup> Level) may be \$2 per month as long as the combined employee and employer cost for this benefit is \$4 per month. If the total cost of this benefit exceeds \$4 per month, the employee and employer shall share equally the cost of the benefit.

State employees under the Judges' Retirement System and Legislators' Retirement System are not covered under the 1959 Survivor Benefit – 5<sup>th</sup> Level.

If you have any questions, please contact Desi Rodrigues, Retirement Policy and Legislation.

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