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TAXABLE YEAR

FORM

1998 California Individual Income Tax Declaration for e-file

8453

USE LABEL Otherwise please print or type Your first name and initial Last name Your social security number If joint return, also give spouse's name and initial Last name Spouse's social security number Present home address — number and street including PO Box or rural route Apt. no. Daytime telephone number City, town or post office, state and ZIP Code

Part I Tax Return Information

1 Refund. (Form 540, line 60 or Form 540A, line 35; Form 540EZ, line 35 or Form 540NR, line 69) 1 Amount you owe (Form 540, line 61, Form 540A, line 36; Form 540EZ, line 36 or Form 540NR, line 70) 2 2a Amount to be automatically withdrawn 2a 2b Date of the automatic withdrawal. (MM/DD/YY) 2b

Part II Direct Deposit or Automatic Withdrawal

3 Routing transit number The first two digits of the routing transit number must be 01 through 12 or 21 through 32. 4 Depositor account number 5 Type of account: Checking Savings

Part III Declaration of Taxpayer

I consent that my refund be directly deposited or my payment due be automatically withdrawn as designated in Part II. If I have filed a joint return, this is an irrevocable appointment of the other spouse as an agent to receive the refund or authorize an automatic withdrawal. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the information I provided to my electronic return originator (ERO) or transmitter, including my address and social security number and the amounts shown in Part I above, agrees with the information and amounts shown on the corresponding lines of my 1998 California income tax return.

Sign Here It is unlawful to forge a spouse's signature. Your signature Date Spouse's signature. If filing joint, both must sign. Date For Privacy Act Notice, see form FTB 1131

Part IV Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer. See instructions.

I declare that I have reviewed the above taxpayer's return and that the entries on form FTB 8453 are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I understand that I am not responsible for reviewing the taxpayer's return. I declare, however, that form FTB 8453 accurately reflects the data on the return. I have obtained the taxpayer's signature on form FTB 8453 before transmitting this return to the FTB; I have provided the taxpayer with a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the FTB and I have followed all other requirements described in FTB Pub. 1345, e-file Handbook for State of California Individual Income Tax Returns. I will keep form FTB 8453 on file for 4 years from the due date of the return and I will make a copy available to the FTB upon request. If I am also the paid preparer, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above taxpayer's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete.

ERO's Use Only ERO's signature Date Check if also paid preparer Check if self-employed ERO's social security number Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address FEIN ZIP Code

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above taxpayer's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer's Use Only Paid preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed Paid preparer's social security number Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address FEIN ZIP Code

Instructions for Form FTB 8453

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General Information

A Purpose of Form FTB 8453

Taxpayers and electronic return originators (EROs) use form FTB 8453 as a record of filing an electronic return. It is also an authorization to transmit the tax return electronically to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) either directly or through a transmitter.

DO NOT MAIL FORM FTB 8453 TO THE FTB. The ERO or taxpayer must retain the original form FTB 8453.

B Taxpayer Responsibilities

Taxpayer(s) that use an ERO must:

- Verify all information on the form FTB 8453, including social security number;
- Inspect the paper copy of the return and ensure the information is correct; and
- **Sign form FTB 8453 after the return has been prepared but before it is transmitted.**

Taxpayer(s) that file from home must retain the following documents for up to four years from the due date of the return and make them available to the FTB upon request:

- Original form FTB 8453;
- Original Form(s) W-2, W-2G and 1099R; and
- A paper Form 540, Form 540A, Form 540EZ or Form 540NR showing the data transmitted to the FTB.

C ERO Responsibilities

The ERO must do all of the following:

- Obtain signature of taxpayer(s).
- Provide taxpayer(s) with copies of:
 1. Form FTB 8453;
 2. Any original Form(s) W-2, W-2G and 1099R; and
 3. A paper copy of Form 540, Form 540A, Form 540EZ or Form 540NR.
- Retain original signed form FTB 8453.

Specific Instructions

Declaration Control Number

The Declaration Control Number (DCN) is a unique 14-digit number assigned by the software program to each taxpayer's

return. The DCN must be entered in the boxes provided.

Entity Information

Enter the taxpayer's name, address and social security number in the spaces provided. If filing a joint return, include spouse's name and social security number.

Part I - Tax Return Information

Enter only whole dollar amounts. The amounts entered must be the same as reported on the electronically filed return.

Line 2a – Enter the amount to be withdrawn from taxpayer(s) account.

Line 2b – Enter the date the automatic withdrawal is to take place.

Part II - Direct Deposit or Automatic Withdrawal

Enrollment in direct deposit/automatic withdrawal is voluntary and applies only to the current year. Taxpayers who want their refunds directly deposited or their payment automatically withdrawn from their account with a bank or other financial institution must complete Part II. Taxpayers should use a check, form, report or other statement generated by their financial institution to verify the routing transit number and depositor account number.

Do not use a deposit slip as it may contain internal routing numbers. If there is any doubt about the correct routing transit number, the taxpayer should ask the bank or financial institution for the routing transit number to use for direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfers).

Line 3 – The routing transit number must be nine digits and begin with 01 through 12 or 21 through 32.

Line 4 – The depositor account number can be up to 17 characters (both numbers and letters). Include hyphens but omit spaces and special symbols. If fewer than 17 characters, enter the number from left to right and leave the unused boxes blank.

To cancel the automatic withdrawal process, taxpayers must call the FTB at (916) 845-0353 two working days before the date of the withdrawal indicated in Part I, line 2b.

FTB is not responsible when a financial institution rejects a direct deposit or

automatic withdrawal transaction. If the bank or financial institution rejects the direct deposit due to an error in the routing transit number or depositor account number, a paper check will be sent.

If the bank or financial institution rejects the automatic withdrawal due to an error in the routing transit number or depositor account number, the taxpayer(s) will receive a notice that may include penalties and interest.

Part III - Declaration of Taxpayer

An electronically transmitted tax return will not be considered complete, and therefore filed, unless form FTB 8453 is signed by the taxpayer(s) prior to transmitting the electronic return to the FTB.

Part IV - Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer

This section must be completed and signed by the ERO.

Only handwritten signatures are acceptable. If the ERO is also the paid preparer, the ERO must check the box labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

If the paid preparer is not the ERO, the paid preparer must sign in the space for "Paid Preparer's Use Only." If the paid preparer is also the ERO, do not complete the paid preparer section. See the previous paragraph.

Refund Information

To find out about your tax refund, call the FTB's automated toll-free telephone service at (800) 338-0505. You must know the first social security number shown on your return and the exact amount of your refund. Refund information is available 6 a.m. – 10 p.m., PST, seven days a week except state holidays.