**Action:** Task Type: Date Open: Task #: Request #: Flight Procedure Tracking Form FLIGHT CHECK STAR 02/17/2017 20161209289822 2016120928982203002 Airport ID: Airport: Reimbursable #: STAR SERFR (RNAV) THREE SAN FRANCISCO CA **Procedure: KSFO** KSFO SAN FRANCISCO INTL NO ST: CA City: SAN FRANCISCO GPS #: **Estimated Chart Date:** 02/01/2018 FICO #: Fac ID: N/A Fac. Type: **Specialist:** JEFF ANDERSON **Procedure Review** Rec'd Rel'd **Full Name Comments** QUALITY Lead: 08/11/2017 09/15/2017 QA: Liaison: ENROUTE Remark Type: **Procedure Comments: INFORMATION** 

QUALITY

APPROVAL REQUEST (1): DESCENT GRADIENT.

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# Memorandum

Date:

To: Bruce DeCleen, Manager, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division

THRU: David G. Parker, Acting Manager, Flight Procedure Team, FAA,

ATO Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, AJV-24

From: Deborah Price, Acting Manager, Domestic Airspace, Oakland ARTCC

Subject: Approval Request: San Francisco International Airport, KSFO

This request is for approval of the Descent Gradient 389 FT PER NM from WWAVS to EPICK. The requirement in Order 8260.3C, paragraph 2-2-1.g (1)(a) is:

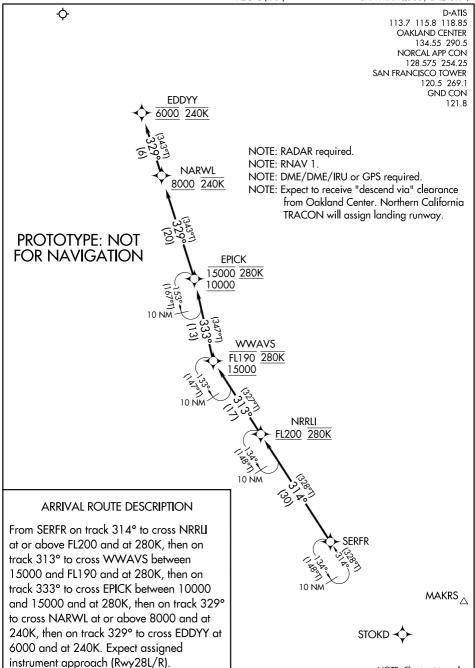
The maximum permissible gradient 10,000 MSL and above is 330 Ft./NM (approximately  $3.11^{\circ}$ ).

## Paragraph 2-2-1.g (2) states:

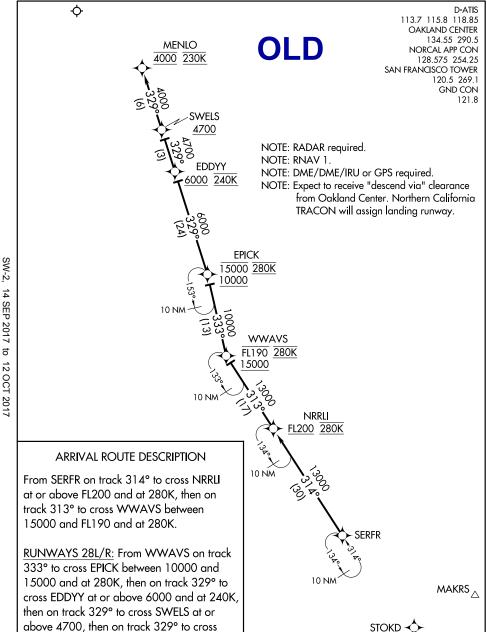
"(2) When a gradient exceeds the maximum DG allowed in paragraph 2-2-1.g (1), the STAR requires approval from Flight Standards. The approval request should state the operational need for the steeper gradient. It is suggested that a study of historical winds for that location be used for analysis and for simulator runs; if the requested steeper descent gradient historically has a head wind (using average historical wind), that information should be included in the approval request."

The Descent Gradient (388.7817576189191) from WWAVS to EPICK is calculated from a block altitude of 15,000/19,000 at WWAVS to a block altitude of 10,000/15,000 at EPICK, over a distance of 12.85 NM. The course from WWAVS to EPICK is 333.37 magnetic / 347.37 true. When the STAR is in use, a headwind prevails most often.

Due to the proximity of adjacent airports, Class B airspace configuration, and other procedures, there is an operational need to have the SERFR STAR operate along the designed lateral and vertical paths. ATC has determined that it is not operationally acceptable to change the altitude constraints of the STAR at WWAVS and EPICK.



NOTE: Chart not to scale.



MENLO at 4000 and at 230K. Expect assigned instrument approach.

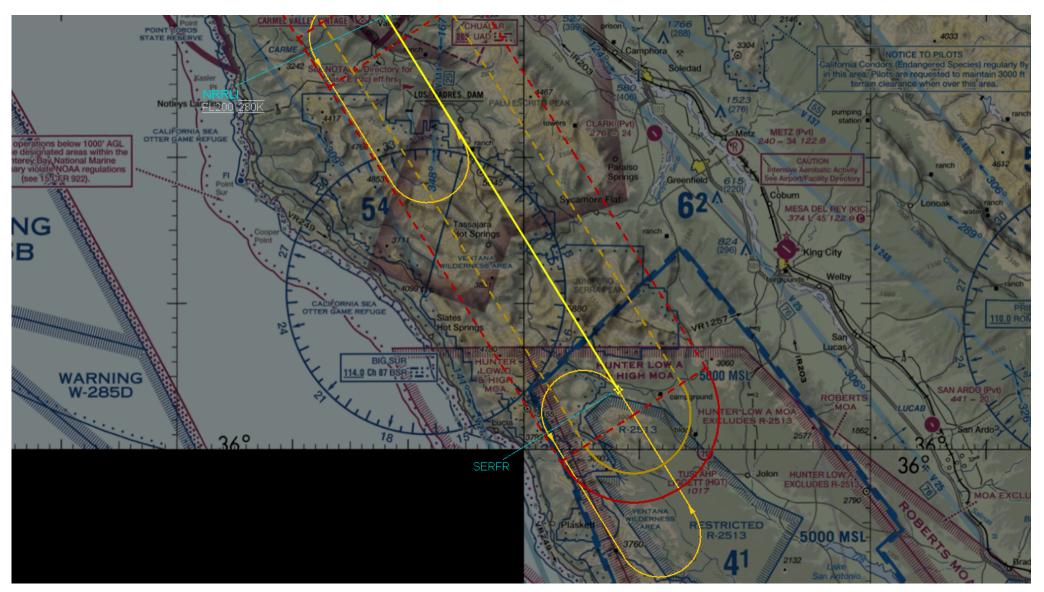
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