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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2016-9476; Airspace Docket No. 16-AWP-28]**

**Establishment of Class E Airspace, Sacramento, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class E en route airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface to accommodate instrument flight rules (IFR) aircraft under control of the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), centered near Sacramento, CA. Establishment of this airspace area is necessary to ensure controlled airspace exists in those areas where the Federal airway structure is inadequate.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, August 17, 2017. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at

[http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records

Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal-regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html).

FAA Order 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes Class E en route airspace at the Oakland ARTCC, centered near Sacramento, CA, to ensure controlled airspace exists in those areas where the Federal airway structure is inadequate.

**History**

On March 13, 2017, the FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register (82 FR 13407) Docket No. FAA-2016-9476 to establish Class E en route

airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface at Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center, near Sacramento, CA. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. Three comments were received supporting the proposal; one from an anonymous commenter and two from Wally Roberts on behalf of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA).

### **Discussion of Comments**

Two comments were received supporting the proposed action. One commenter, in a separate comment, noted a small portion of Class E airspace upward from 5,000 feet mean sea level near the Hunter MOA was excluded from the proposed area. The FAA discovered a typographical error on one geographic coordinate in the proposed airspace legal description caused this exclusion (lat. 36°45'00"N., instead of lat. 35°45'00"N.). Also, the FAA determined the western edge of the proposed airspace required slight adjustments to ensure it captured that airspace within 12 miles of the shoreline. This action makes these corrections.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6006 of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order

7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **The Rule**

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 establishes Class E en route airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface centered near Sacramento, CA, extending from the southern border of the Rogue Valley en route airspace area near Redding, CA, west to include that airspace within 12 miles of the shoreline, south to the southern boundary of the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center near Monterey, CA, east to the western boundary of the Coaldale en route airspace area, and northeast to near Reno, NV. This airspace is established to allow the most efficient routing between airports without reducing margins of safety or requiring additional coordination and pilot/controller workload. This action ensures the safety and management of controlled airspace within the national airspace system as it transitions from ground based navigation aids to satellite-based Global Navigation Satellite System for navigation.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not

have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

### **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

### **PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### **§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6006. En Route Domestic Airspace Areas.

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That airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within an area bounded by a line beginning at lat. 39°05'16"N., long. 124°05'00"W.; to lat. 38°50'52"N., long. 123°58'27"W.; to lat. 37°41'35"N., long. 123°23'24"W.; to lat. 37°05'15"N., long. 122°43'32"W.; to lat. 36°12'53"N., long. 122°09'02"W.; to lat. 36°06'41"N., long. 122°02'23"W.; to lat. 35°36'08"N., long. 121°31'31"W.; to lat. 35°31'48"N., long. 121°29'41"W.; to lat. 35°21'58"N., long. 121°13'57"W.; to lat. 35°32'00"N., long. 120°51'00"W.; to lat. 35°45'00"N., long. 120°07'00"W.; to lat. 35°38'00"N., long. 119°30'00"W.; to lat. 36°08'00"N., long. 119°10'00"W.; to lat. 36°08'00"N., long. 118°52'00"W.; to lat. 37°47'57"N., long. 120°22'00"W.; to lat. 38°53'30"N., long. 119°49'00"W.; to lat. 39°39'28"N., long. 117°59'55"W.; to lat. 40°27'51"N., long. 119°37'10"W.; to lat. 39°33'53"N., long. 120°19'02"W.; thence to the point of beginning, excluding that airspace offshore beyond 12 miles from the shoreline.

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