

SAN DIEGO LAFCO



**COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

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Agenda Item No. 7a

**Draft Legislative Proposal | Implementing UC Report
to Enhance LAFCOs' Effectiveness**



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U.C. Berkeley Report

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Report Focus: Improve public water systems through consolidations with emphasis on underserved communities.

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Key Recommendations: Regular communications between LAFCOs and State water regulators.

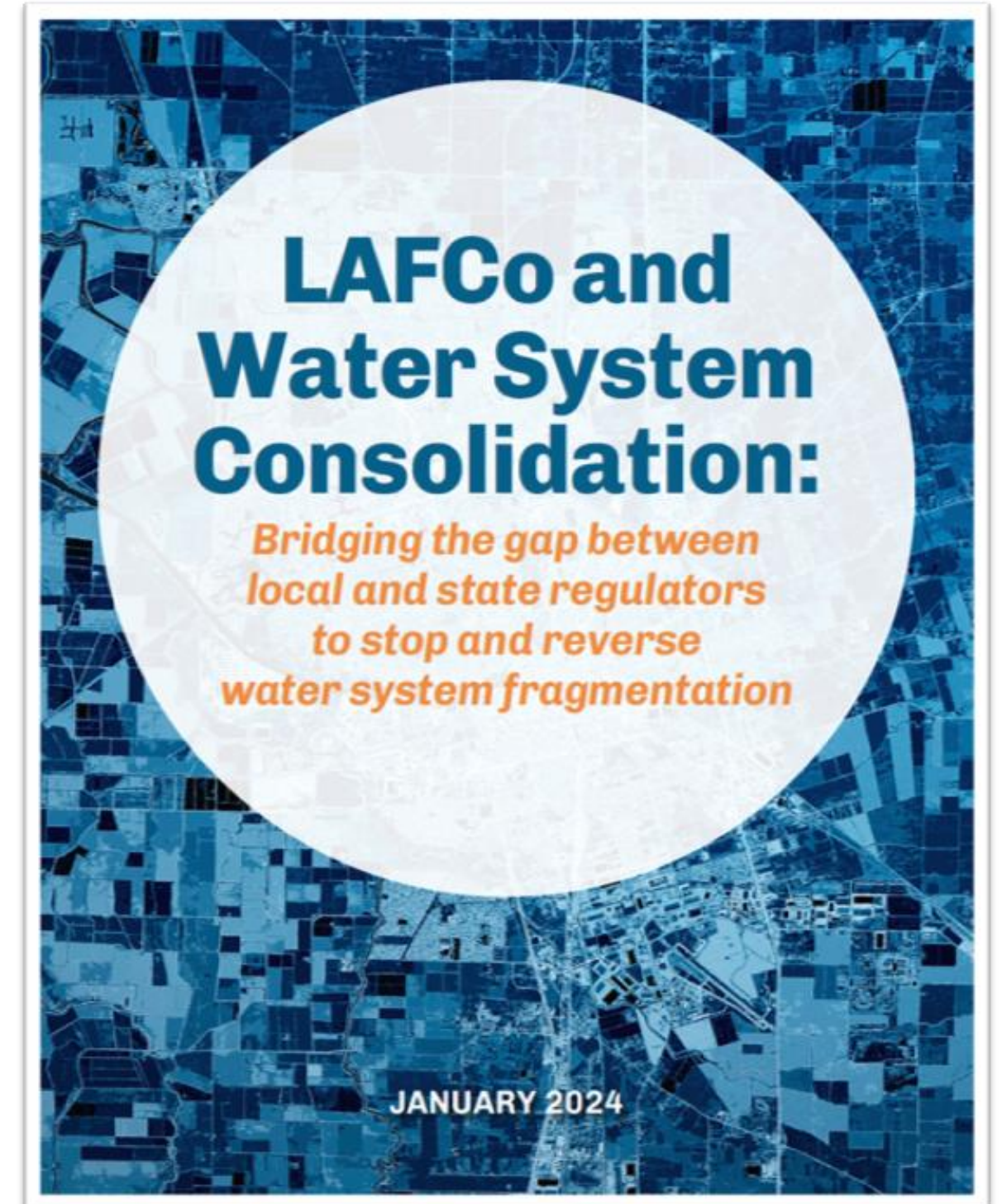
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MSR Importance: Well-funded MSRs to identify and prioritize consolidations, small system mergers, and seek annexation authority.





Joint Legislative Group

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- **Orange** LAFCO
- **Napa** LAFCO
- **Sacramento** LAFCO
- **Alameda** LAFCO
- **Butte** LAFCO
- **Santa Cruz** LAFCO
- **Community Water Center**
- **Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability**

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Legislative Proposals



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Expand LAFCOs Ability to Initiate jurisdictional changes or Out-of-Agency Service Agreements to Support Timely Water Or Wastewater Services Consistent With Community Needs.

(Amend GCS 56375)

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Amplify MSR's Role in Communicating Community Needs. Requiring Publicly Noticed Hearing (LAFCO + local agencies).

(Amend GCS 56430)

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Address Service Barriers for Mutual Water Companies and Mobile Home Parks by making them subject to LAFCO filing requirements. (Amend GCS 56430 and Health and Safety Code)

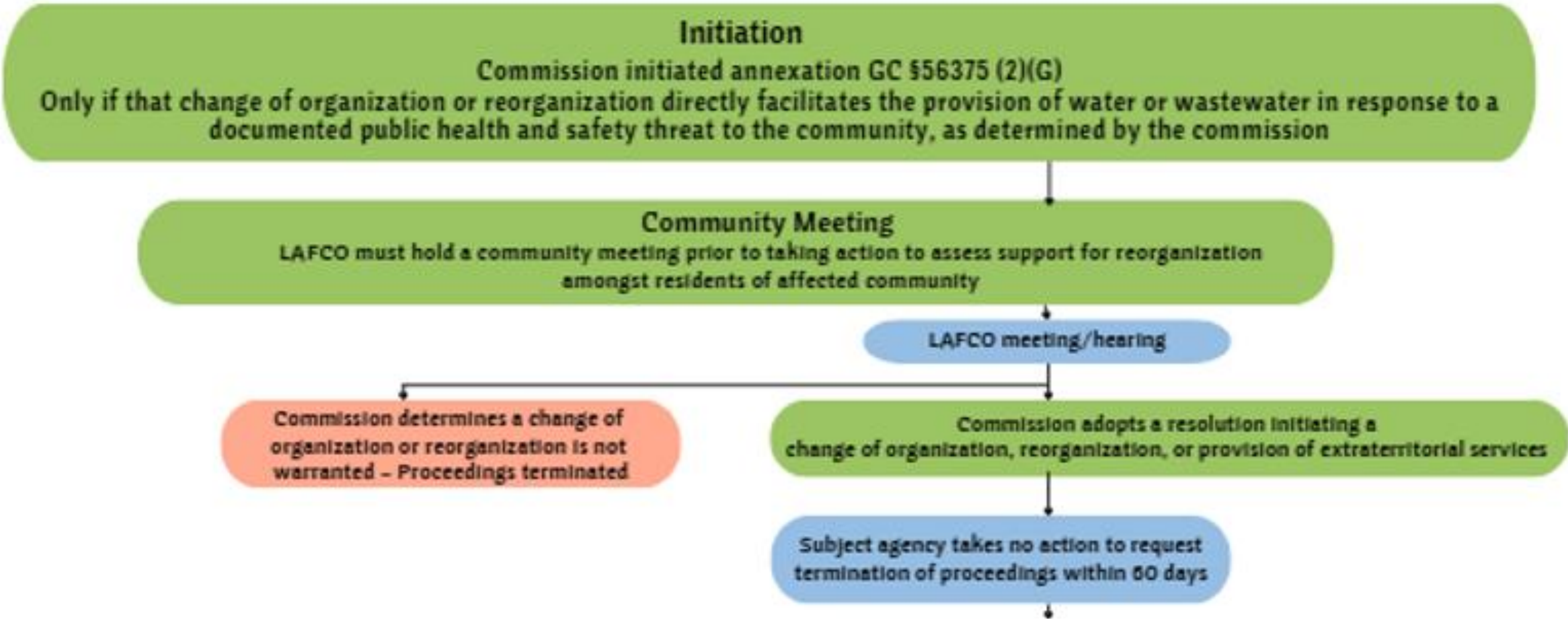
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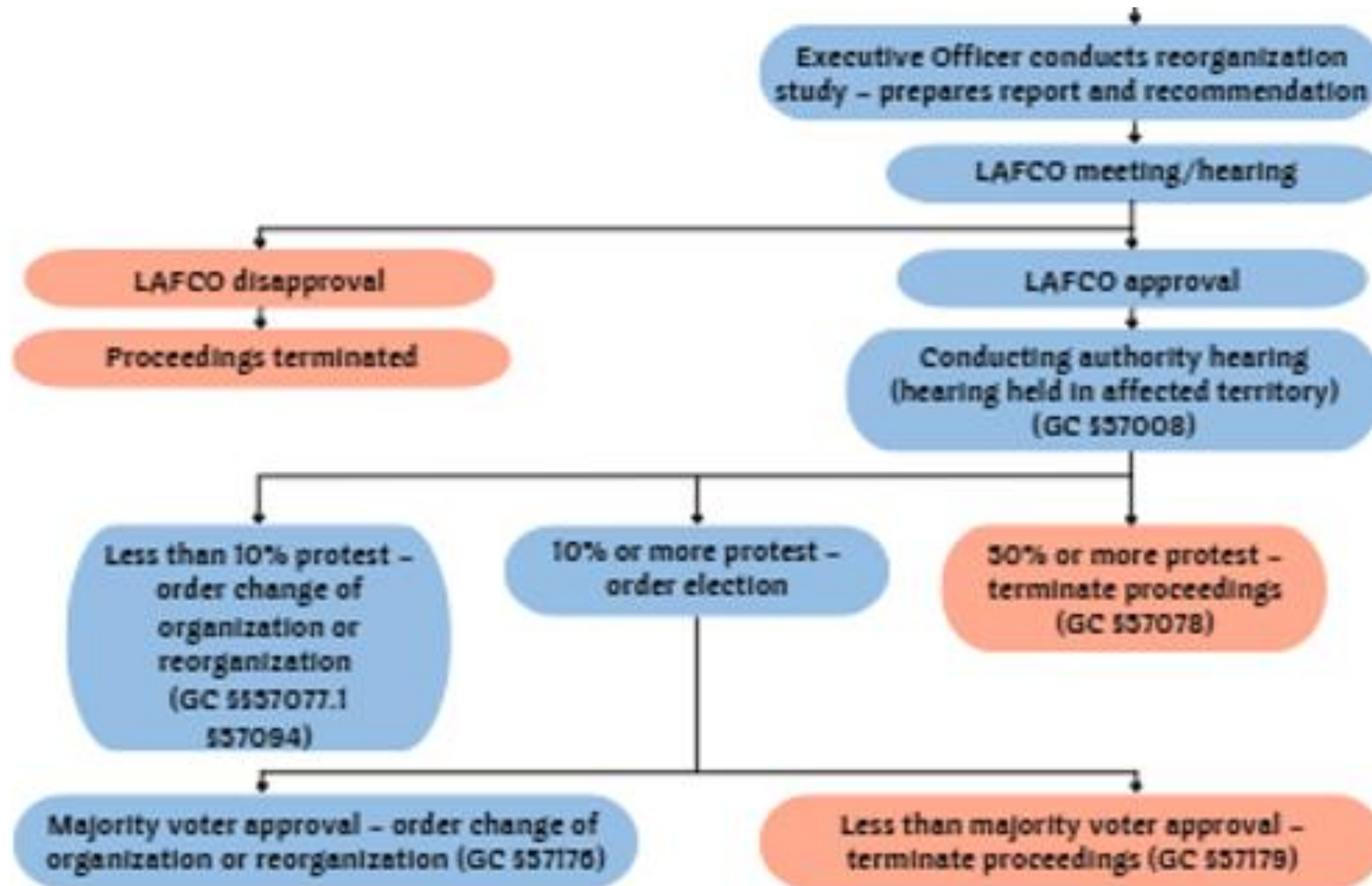


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Amplifying the Role of the Municipal Service Review – Increasing Transparency

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**



OCEANSIDE REGION
Municipal Service Review | Government Code 56430

Affected Agencies
City of Oceanside
Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District
Morro Hills Community Services District

Final Report
Formally Accepted November 2024

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