LAFCO Reorganization Process

El Dorado County and Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection Districts
Joint Special Meeting
January 26, 2023

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What is the role of LAFCO?

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El Dorado County Fire Protection District and Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District Options (Annexation versus Consolidation)

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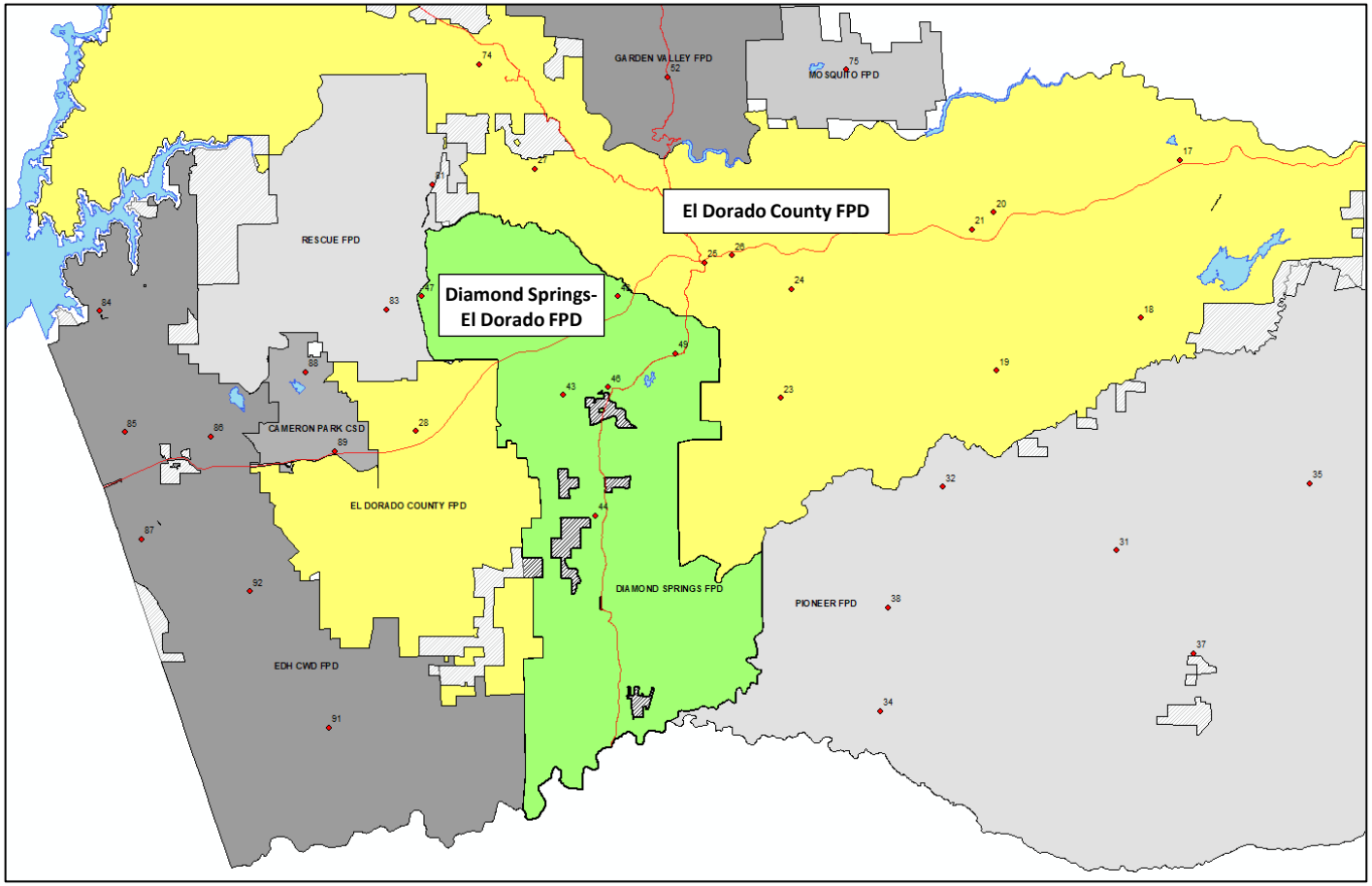
Reorganization of the Diamond Springs-El Dorado and El Dorado County Fire Protection Districts

1) Annexation of the Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD to the El Dorado County FPD
2) Dissolution of the Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD *(concurrent actions)*



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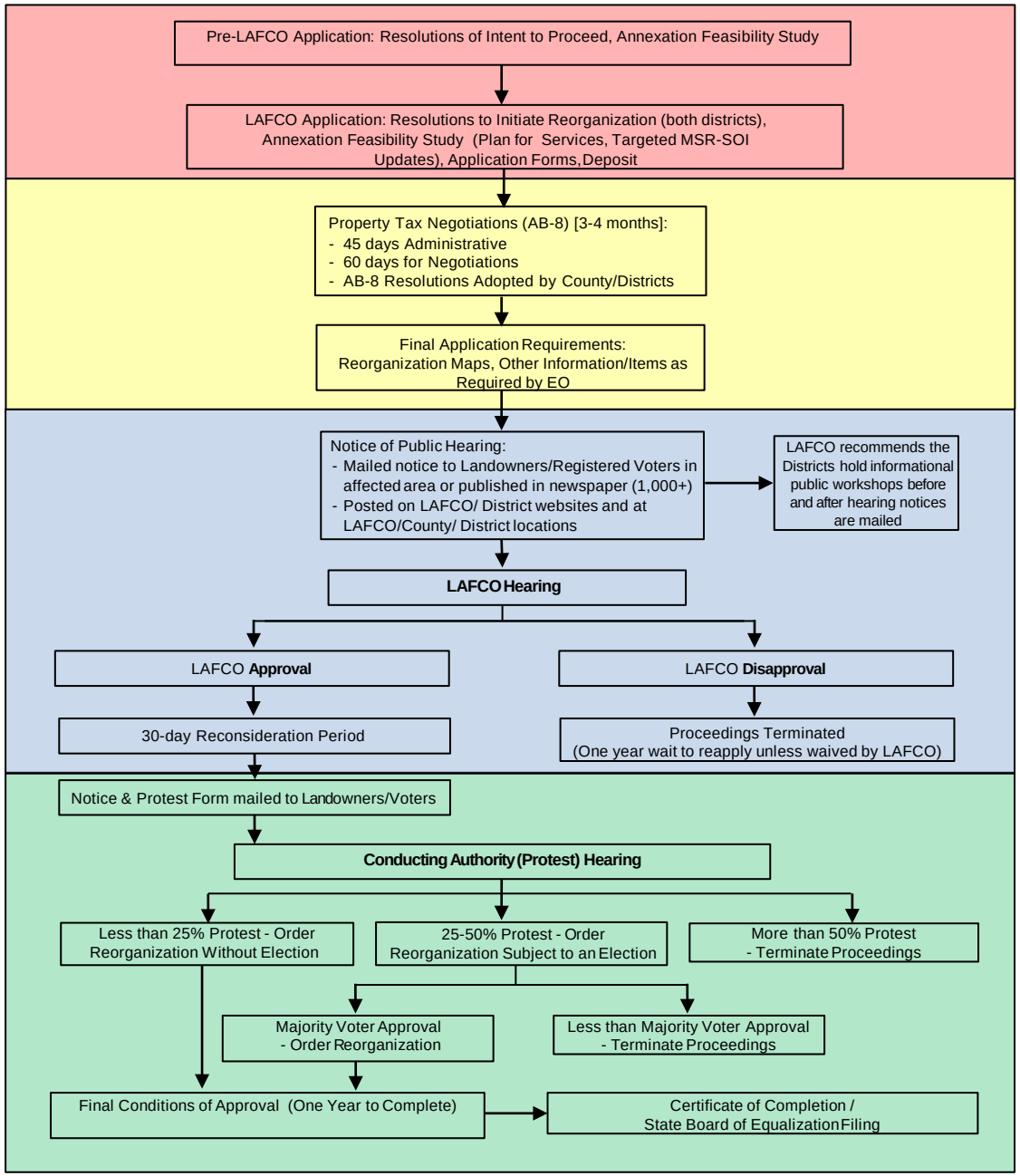
LAFCO Reorganization – Dissolution and Annexation



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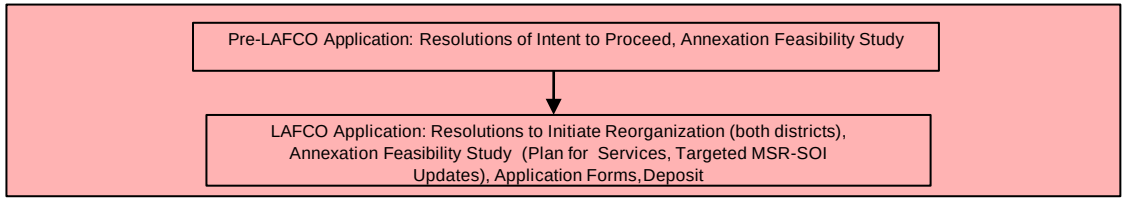
Pre-LAFCO Application



- Annexation Feasibility Study
  - Resolutions of Intent or other clear Board direction to proceed
  - Coordinate with LAFCO needs
    - Service Plan
    - Targeted MSR-SOI Updates
  - Contract & Study
  - Joint decision to move forward?

- Initial Application Requirements
  - Resolutions of Application to Initiate Reorganization (both districts)
  - Service Plan (Feasibility Study)
  - Sphere Updates for both Districts (Feasibility Study)
  - Application Forms *(Chiefs as Designated Agents)*
  - Deposit

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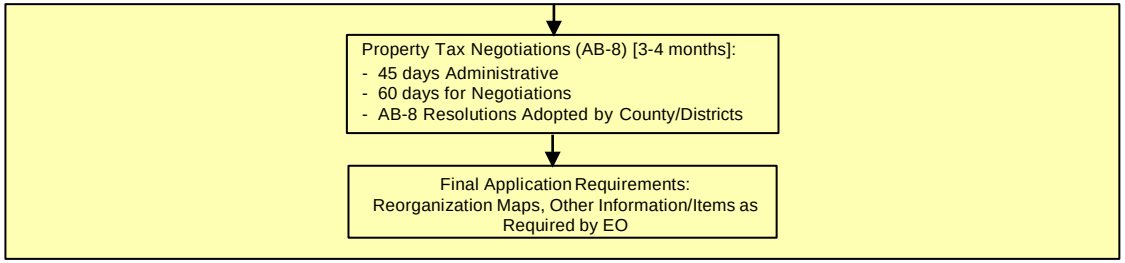
Property Tax Negotiations



- Property Tax (AB-8) negotiations
  - Negotiated for affected territory only (Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD & SOI)
  - County CAO recommends future property tax increment change
  - AB-8 Resolutions required from County BOS and both districts; BOS resolution is the final

- Final Application Requirements
  - Annexation and Dissolution maps
  - CEQA (Categorical Exemption likely)
  - Other information as deemed necessary by EO

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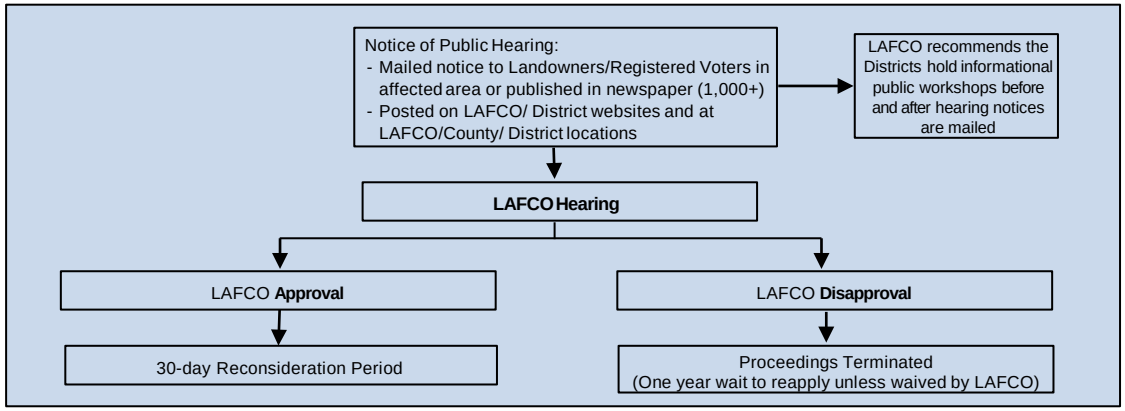
Notice and LAFCO Hearing



- Notice of LAFCO Hearing – 21 days in advance
  - Mailed to all Landowners and Registered Voters within and within 500 ft of the affected territory (Diamond Springs-El Dorado), OR
  - If 1,000+ notices to be mailed, 1/8 page add can instead be published in a general circulation newspaper

- LAFCO Hearing
  - Commission can Approve, Conditionally Approve, or Disapprove
  - Standard 30-day Reconsideration period after approval

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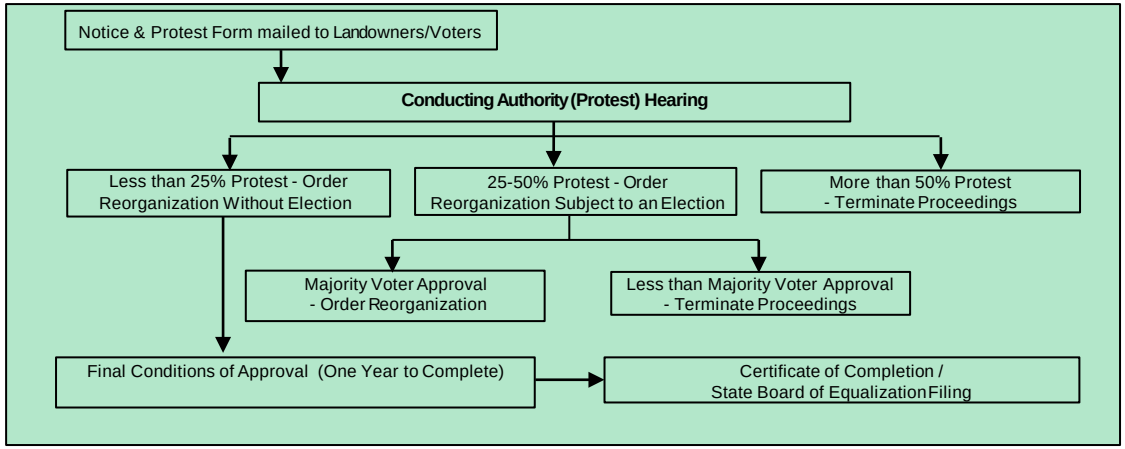
Protest Proceedings



- Notice of Conducting Authority Hearing – 21 days in advance
  - Notice and Protest Form mailed to all Landowners and Registered Voters within the affected territory (Diamond Springs-El Dorado), Protest Forms also available on LAFCO website and at hearing

- Protest Thresholds
  - Less than 25% protest received, reorganization is upheld
  - 25-50% protest received, goes to an election
  - More than 50% protest received, reorganization is terminated

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Questions?

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