

MENDOCINO LAFCo

MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW • SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Municipal Service Review

A Municipal Service Review (MSR) is a study of a local agency's governance and operations. MSRs are conducted for all cities and special districts prior to or concurrently with SOI Updates.

- Provides inventory and analysis of agency services (capacity, financial ability, accountability, and anticipated growth)
- Based on existing information and trend analysis
- Evaluates service delivery structure and opportunities for improvement and/or interagency coordination
- Provides information and analysis to support SOI Update
- Seven required "determinations" per state law (GC §56430)

What an MSR is not:

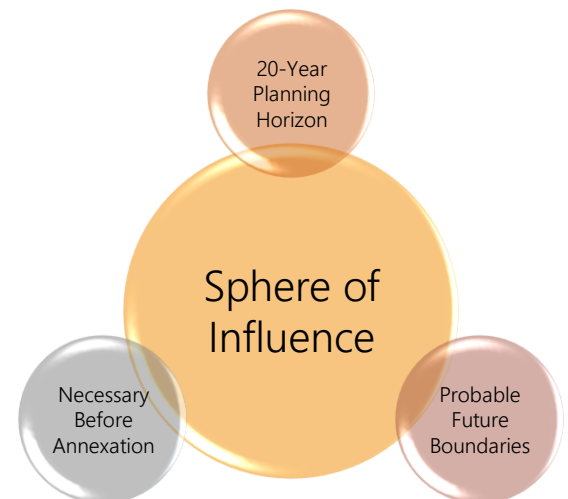
- An audit or investigation
- An enforcement method
- A complaints forum
- A mandate for changes (no affect to current fees/rates)

Input is always welcome and MSRs may recommend future changes to the delivery of agency services.

Sphere of Influence

A Sphere of Influence (SOI) is a planning boundary adopted by LAFCo that indicates the probable 20-year growth boundary for a jurisdiction's physical development. LAFCo reviews and updates SOIs every five years, or as needed.

- Promote orderly growth and development within and adjacent to communities
- Promote cooperative planning efforts among cities, the County and special districts
- Address premature conversion of agriculture and open space lands and efficient provision of services
- Guide future local government reorganization encouraging efficiency, economy and orderly changes
- Assist property owners in anticipating availability of services in planning for future use of their property
- Five required "determinations" per state law (GC §56425)

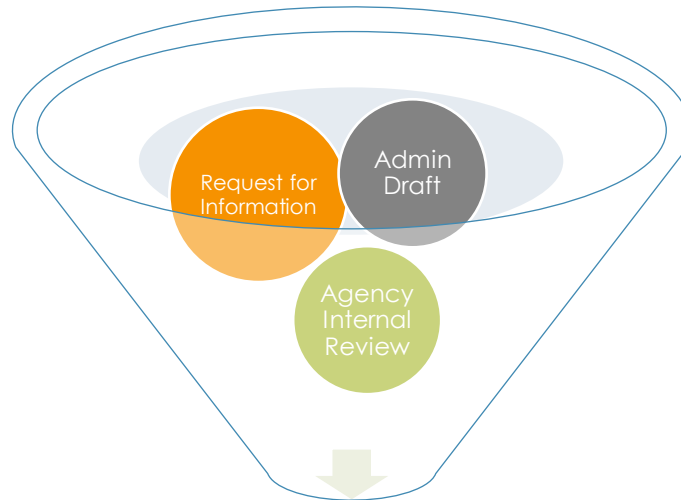


MSR

SOI

Applications for reorganization

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Public Review Draft MSR/SOI



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