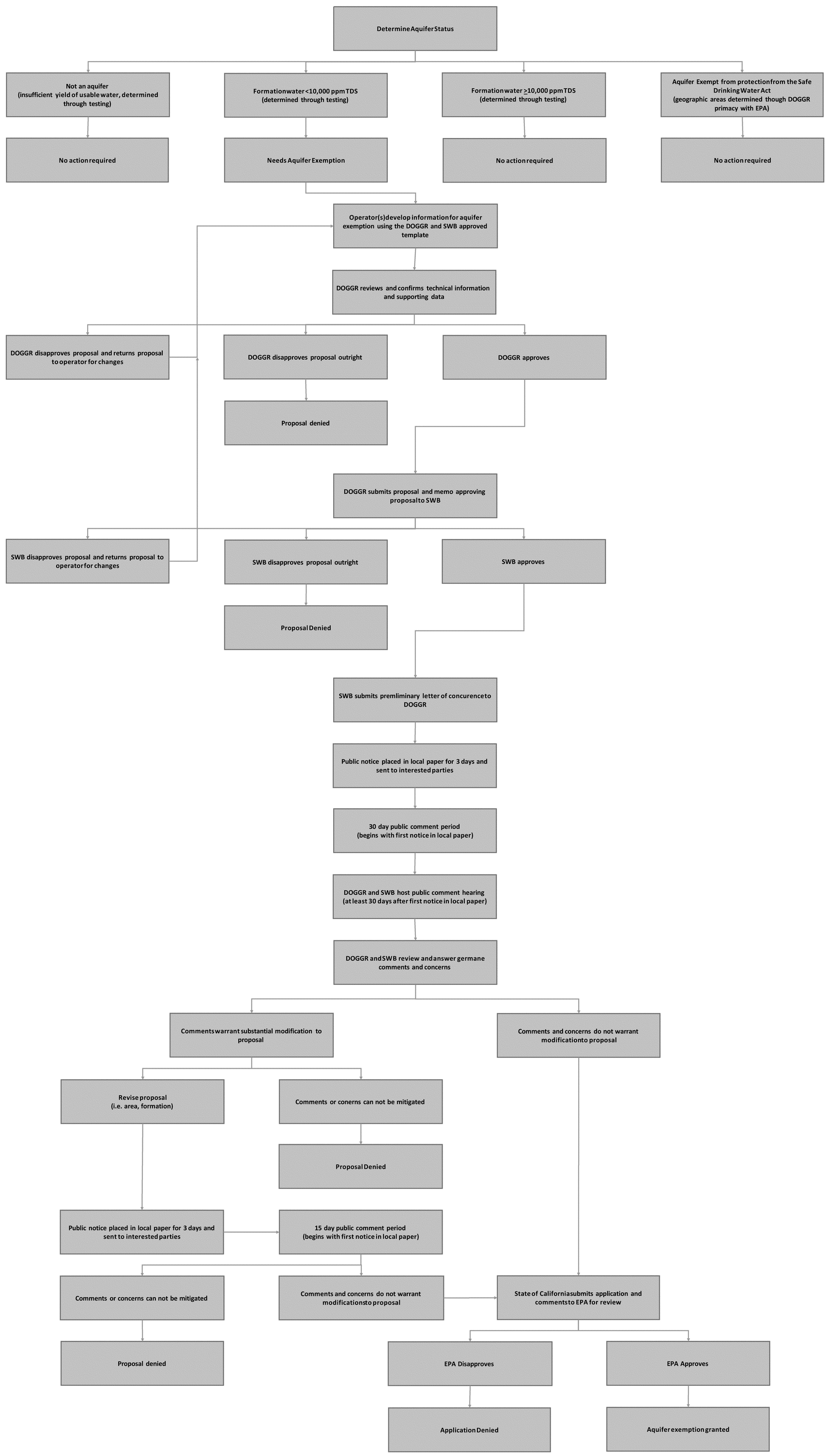
Determine Aquifer Status
Not an aquifer (insufficient yield of usable water, determined through testing)
Formation water <10,000 ppm TDS (determined through testing)
Formation water ≥10,000 ppm TDS (determined through testing)
Aquifer Exempt from protection from the Safe Drinking Water Act (geographic areas determined though DOGGR primacy with EPA)
No action required
Needs Aquifer Exemption
No action required
No action required
Operator(s) develop information for aquifer exemption using the DOGGR and SWB approved template
DOGGR reviews and confirms technical information and supporting data
DOGGR disapproves proposal and returns proposal to operator for changes
DOGGR disapproves proposal outright
DOGGR approves
Proposal denied
DOGGR submits proposal and memo approving proposal to SWB
SWB disapproves proposal and returns proposal to operator for changes
SWB disapproves proposal outright
SWB approves
Proposal Denied
SWB submits premliminary letter of concurence to DOGGR
Public notice placed in local paper for 3 days and sent to interested parties
30 day public comment period (begins with first notice in local paper)
DOGGR and SWB host public comment hearing (at least 30 days after first notice in local paper)
DOGGR and SWB review and answer germane comments and concerns
Comments warrant substantial modification to proposal
Comments and concerns do not warrant modification to proposal
Revise proposal (i.e. area, formation)
Comments or conerns can not be mitigated
Proposal Denied
Public notice placed in local paper for 3 days and sent to interested parties
15 day public comment period (begins with first notice in local paper)
Comments or concerns can not be mitigated
Comments and concerns do not warrant modifications to proposal
State of California submits application and comments to EPA for review
Proposal denied
EPA Disapproves
EPA Approves
Application Denied
Aquifer exemption granted