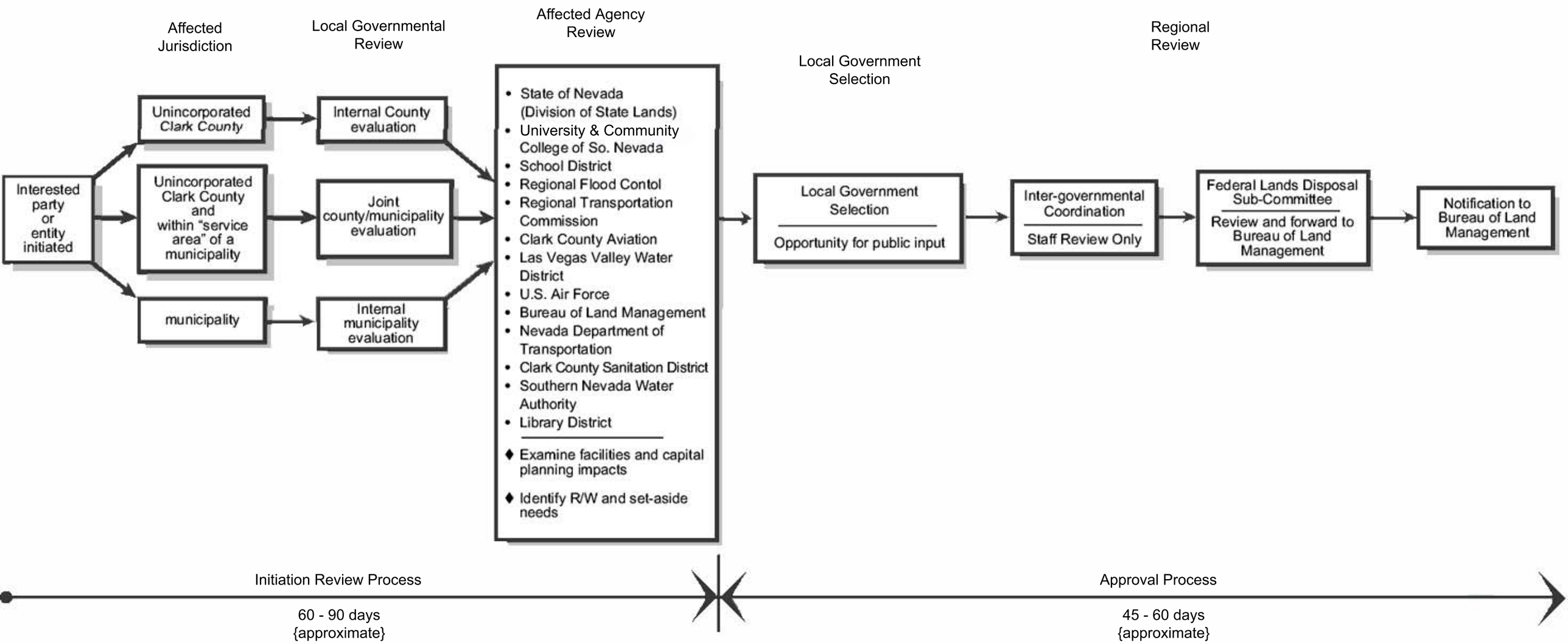JOINT SELECTION PROCESS