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Field Notes

Telegram channels flipped from countdown memes to survival planning: founders scheduled ad-hoc AMAs to promise treasury transparency, and contributors organized spreadsheets comparing vesting unlocks to runway. Legal counsel started joining stand-ups to interpret SEC subpoenas and blue-sky law exposure.

Market Read

BTC broke below \$7k, ETH fell under \$500, and daily token volumes shrank 60% week-over-week, starving projects that planned to market-make their own assets. Exchanges tightened listing policies, requesting legal opinions and six-figure fees that early teams could no longer afford.

Technical Moves

Treasury management scripts introduced DCA liquidation rules, and multisig policies incorporated fiat-off-ramp procedures to lock in fiat before further drawdowns. Smart-contract auditors published postmortems highlighting how unchecked upgrading privileges or flawed refunds worsened panic.

Open Questions

Could self-regulatory efforts like the Crypto Rating Council or Token Alliance convince regulators not to ban retail sales entirely? Would the next wave of fundraising pivot to equity or SAFTs with longer lockups to rebuild trust?