

Navigating the California State Budget Process



Each year the Governor and Legislature work to craft the state's spending plan. While the January-to-June period gets the most attention, budget decisions happen throughout the year, giving Californians ample opportunity to advocate for their priorities year-round.

● The Governor ● The Legislature ● The Public



Mid-May to late June

The public can comment at May Revision hearings as well as meet with key staff to help inform and shape the emerging budget package.

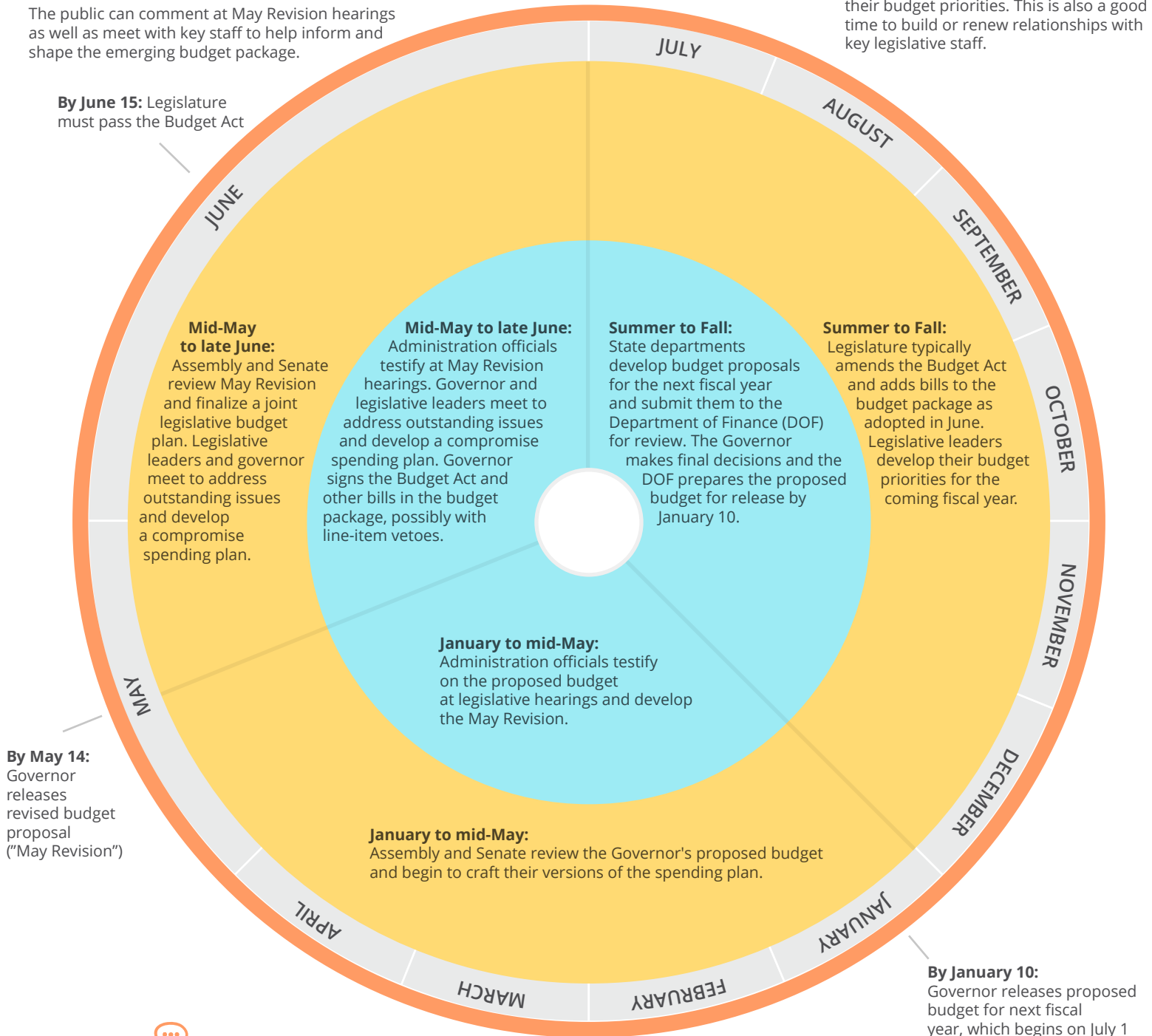
By June 15: Legislature must pass the Budget Act

July 1:
Start of the fiscal year



Summer to Fall

As the governor's proposed budget is being developed, the public can meet with administration officials to share their budget priorities. This is also a good time to build or renew relationships with key legislative staff.



January to mid-May

After the release of the Governor's proposed budget, members of the public can submit letters of support/opposition to budget committees, comment at hearings, and meet with key staff in the Legislature and administration to share budget priorities and discuss areas of concern.