Members of the Chino City Council are assigned to represent the City on several external agencies, committees, boards, and task forces. This report summarizes the actions and discussions of those entities as they may impact or be of interest to the City of Chino, its businesses, and its residents.

# ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER OF THE INLAND EMPIRE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report By: Rogelio Huerta

Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

The Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire (ARC) Board of Directors passed the following items on their October 7, 20205 meeting:

- **Criminal Record Information (CORI):** Approved a Resolution granting the Executive Director authority to apply for access to Criminal Offender Record Information through the California Department of Justice.
- **Friends of ARC Nonprofit:** Approved updates to the initial bylaws of the Friends of the Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire nonprofit organization.
- **Board Selection:** The inaugural Board of Directors and Officers for the Friends of the Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire were selected, including Chino residents Misty Fram, Rachel Gonzales, and Yekaterina Kolcheva.
- **Design Services Amendment:** Authorized Amendment No. 1 to the Design Services Agreement with Miller Architectural Corporation for the temporary animal shelter, increasing the total contract amount to \$335,385.
- **Vehicle and Trailer Procurement:** Authorized the procurement of two two-horse bumper-pull trailers and one Ford F-350 towing vehicle to enhance the ARC's transport and field operational capacity.
- First-Quarter Budget: Approved the Fiscal Year 2025-26 First-Quarter Budget Adjustment.
- Position List: Approved the corresponding updated authorized position list for the ARC.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 4, 2025

CHAFFEY COLLEGE CHINO COMMUNITY CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Council Representative: Marc Lucio | Staff Report By: Silvia Avalos

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 16, 2025

### CHINO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Council Representative: Christopher Flores | Staff Report By: Ellyse Martinez

### Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

- On Thursday, October 9, Council Member Flores, Ellyse Martinez, and Linda Hinojos attended the Grand Opening of **Bruster's Real Ice Cream**. Council Member Flores presented the business with a certificate of congratulations and said a few words of welcome. The Business is located at 3934 Grand Avenue.
- On Saturday, October 18, Council Member Flores, Linda Hinojos, and Deven Reyes attended the Chino Valley Chamber Business Expo. While there, Linda and Deven hosted a booth and distributed information on businesses in the City of Chino.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 18, 2025

### **CHINO BASIN DESALTER AUTHORITY**

Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report By: Pete Vicario

Meeting Date: October 28, 2025

The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) reported that 439 acre-feet of water was delivered to the City of Chino in August.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 18, 2025

#### **CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report By: Benjamin Orosco

Meeting Date: October 23, 2025

Business Item A – Chino Basin Watermaster Annual Financial Report for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025, and 2024, and the Chino Basin Watermaster Management Report for June 30, 2025

The Chino Basin Watermaster has released the draft Annual Financial Report for fiscal years 2024–25 and 2023–24, along with the draft Management Report for June 30, 2025. The independent auditor, C.J. Brown & Company CPAs, issued an unmodified opinion, confirming that the financial statements presented Watermaster's financial position in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit noted no material weaknesses, no disagreements with management, and no significant difficulties during the process. Only two routine year-end adjustments were required: one related to the Net Other Post-Employment Benefits liability and the other to accrued vacation. Watermaster does not anticipate any material changes in the final reports.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 20, 2025

# CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT - LIAISON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS Council Representative: Karen Comstock | Staff Report By: Linda Reich

Meeting Date: October 9, 2025

### **New Business**

**Purchase of Pierce 1 Type Fire Engine** - The Board approved 5-0 the purchase of a 2025 Pierce Enforcer Type 1 Fire Engine through a cooperative purchasing program and an allocation from the district's unassigned balance of \$1,053,176.40, with a 10% contingency, in the current year budget. Staff noted that the fire engine, which is immediately available, would help bridge the gap between the aging fleet and the extended build times of new equipment currently on order.

# **Board Comments**

Several Directors noted their attendance at the Chino Emergency Preparedness Fair and the Grand Opening of Stueve Park.

Meeting Date: October 23, 2025 – Special Meeting

The Chino Valley Fire District held its annual State of the Fire District event on October 23 at 12 p.m. The event was a ticketed luncheon held at Chino Valley Fire Station 61, at 5092 Schaefer Avenue, Chino, CA 91710. Mayor Ulloa, Mayor Pro Tem Burton, Council Member Flores, City Manager Reich, and several other City of Chino staff attended.

The State of the District video was shown, noting activities and major items for the year. The purchase of the Rosenbauer Airwolf apparatus was highlighted. Also known as F63, the aircraft rescue and firefighting apparatus will provide enhanced emergency response capabilities. It will be housed at Fire Station 63 in Chino, which has direct access to Chino Airport, allowing quick response to aircraft emergencies on the field. The video also included comments by Mayor Ulloa.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 13, 2025

### CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report By: Vivian Castro

Meeting Date: October 16, 2025

No current items to report.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 20, 2025

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT - MEASURE G OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Council Representative: Karen Comstock | Staff Report By: Silvia Avalos

Meeting Date: October 29, 2025

**Don Lugo High School-Pool and Gymnasium Renovations** - The pool phase of the project is expected to be completed by late December 2025. The gymnasium subfloor has been completed, and installation of the hardwood tongue-and-groove flooring is underway. Construction of the new ticket booth is taking shape, with CMU block walls and rebar installation underway.

**Ayala High School Performing Arts Center** - The District's architect has completed the design of the new theater/performing arts center, and it has been submitted to the Department of State Architect (DSA) for approval. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2026.

Next anticipated meeting date: January 28, 2026

### CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR CIM & CIW

Council Representative: Marc Lucio | Staff Report By: Aaron Kelliher

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

No report.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 9, 2025

# INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY (IEUA) REGIONAL SEWERAGE COMMITTEE

Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report By: Benjamin Orosco

Meeting Date: October 2, 2025

Meeting cancelled.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 6, 2025

### LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES - INLAND EMPIRE DIVISION

Council Representative: Marc Lucio | Staff Report By: Jackie Melendez

Meeting Date: October 8, 2025

The Inland Empire & Desert Mountain regions of the League of California Cities met on October 8 in Long Beach during the League's annual conference luncheon. Mayor Pro Tem Burton, Council Member Comstock, City Manager Reich, and other staff attended the conference and luncheon. The luncheon speaker was Dr. Lucy Jones, who provided an update on the seismic issues in the two regions.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 21, 2025

### **OMNITRANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report By: Dennis Ralls

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

No current items of significance to Chino or the surrounding area.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 5, 2025

# ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (OIAA) INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATIVE (ROUNDTABLE)

Council Representative: Christopher Flores | Staff Report by: Jackie Melendez

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: TBD

### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Staff Report By: Rogelio Huerta

Meeting Date: October 7, 2025

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors acted on the following items during their October 7 Board meeting:

- **Homelessness Plan:** SBCTA will commence development of a comprehensive Regional Homelessness Strategic Plan during the fall season.
- **Housing Funding:** The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) awarded \$2.3 million in REAP 2.0 funding. This funding supports the implementation of the housing element and provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions.
- Infrastructure Improvement: SBCTA approved \$3.3 million for specific improvements to the SR 60/Euclid Avenue interchange to enhance traffic flow and safety.

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Steve Wayne Lewis, a lifelong Chino resident and community servant who recently passed away.

Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

The San Bernardino Board of Supervisors acted on the following key item during their October 21 Board meeting:

• Easement Sale (Chino): The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to relinquish and sell a portion

of an easement located in Chino, specifically between Flood Control and Chino East End Industrial, LLC.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 4, 2025

# SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Council Representative: Christopher Flores | Staff Report By: Xochitl Huerta

Meeting Date: October 15, 2025

The Solid Waste Advisory Task Force (SWAT) convened on October 15, 2025.

**SB 54 (2022) – the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act** - The meeting featured a presentation by Melissa Sparks-Kranz, Legislative Advocate with the League of California Cities, who provided an overview of the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.

Her presentation outlined the early steps in SB 54's implementation and emphasized that the law aims to reduce plastic pollution and promote a circular economy through shared responsibility among producers, recyclers, and local governments.

# **Key discussion points included:**

- **Objectives and Goals of SB 54:** Establishing measurable targets to reduce single-use plastics and increase recycling and composting of packaging materials.
- Materials Covered by the Law: Packaging types such as plastic films, foams, and other single-use products.
- **Circular Economy Initiatives:** Transitioning from conventional packaging (e.g., bubble wrap and foam) to sustainable alternatives (e.g., Geami and Padpak systems).
- **Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO):** Introduction of the Circular Action Alliance, the approved PRO responsible for implementing producer compliance and funding programs.
- Implications for Local Governments: Producer funding will offset new local costs associated with implementation, emphasizing collaboration between jurisdictions and producers.
- Advocacy and Engagement: Updates on the SB 54 advisory board and opportunities for local governments to remain involved in regulatory development.

**Relevance to Chino:** The presentation underscored the important role of local jurisdictions in supporting statewide recycling and waste-reduction goals. The City of Chino will continue monitoring SB 54 rulemaking as they take effect.

### Legislative Update – Organic Waste & Food Recovery Bills (October 2025)

The Governor signed the following bills in October 2025 affecting California's organic waste diversion and food recovery framework.

 AB 411 – On-Farm Livestock Composting - Authorizes agricultural operations to compost routine livestock mortalities onsite under specific conditions. Impact on Chino: Minimal direct impact; relevant to Chino's agricultural areas where small livestock operations may utilize on-farm composting instead of traditional disposal methods.

- AB 1046 Exemption for Agricultural Crop Preparation Services- Exempts certain agricultural processing
  facilities from SB 1383 edible food recovery requirements if they can demonstrate they have not
  disposed of organic waste in landfills. Impact on Chino: Limited applicability; the City should remain
  aware of this exemption when assessing compliance and conducting outreach to local agricultural
  businesses.
- **SB 279** Composting Capacity Expansion Expands small-to-medium-scale composting capacity statewide by modifying requirements for composting agricultural materials onsite. The bill allows certain composting operations to accept up to 10% of food material by volume for up to five years before needing a full solid waste facility permit, provided specific conditions are met. It also increases the amount of finished compost that these operations may give away or sell annually, from 1,000 cubic yards to 5,000 cubic yards. **Impact on Chino:** May support local or regional composting initiatives by expanding capacity options and easing pressure on existing waste infrastructure.

**Overall Relevance:** These new laws enhance flexibility for agricultural and small-scale composting operations while supporting the broader goals of SB 1383. Continued awareness ensures the City of Chino remains compliant and responsive to evolving state organics regulations.

Next anticipated meeting date: April 15, 2026

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SBCTA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report By: Dennis Ralls

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

**SR60/Central Interchange** - The Board approved Amendment No. 5 to the State Route 60 Central Avenue Interchange Improvement Project. The contract covers project management services with Dynamic Engineering Services. This amendment extends the contract term to June 1, 2026, and is expected to cover the remaining project management needs to complete the project closeout. The amendment did not include additional funding.

**SR60/Euclid Interchange** - The Board approved a funding agreement with the City of Ontario for the State Route 60/Euclid Avenue Interchange project. The funding agreement allocates \$3,346,822 to the City of Ontario from SBCTA's Measure I Valley Freeway Interchange Program funds. The agreement will allow the City of Ontario to begin preliminary design-related work on future SR-60/Euclid Avenue interchange improvements.

San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT) - The Board received an update on the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT). SBRHT is a JPA that assists with affordable housing needs by leveraging regional funds, programs, and administrative needs. The City of Chino is one of 19 jurisdictions that have submitted a letter of intent to participate in the JPA. The update reviewed the context for why the JPA was deemed necessary and the effort to analyze needs to date. The current step is to develop recommendations on eligible project types, funding strategies, and organizational framework, which are in progress. Once completed, the Trust Board Formation will be next. Other nearby jurisdictions that have submitted letters of interest include the Cities of Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, and the County of San Bernardino.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 5, 2025

## SBCTA - CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report By: Jackie Melendez

No meeting during this reporting period.

**Next anticipated meeting date: TBD** 

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Council Representative: Marc Lucio | Staff Report By: Jackie Melendez

No meeting during this reporting period.

**Next anticipated meeting date: TBD** 

### SANTA ANA WATERSHED ADVISORY COUNCIL

Council Representative: Karen Comstock | Staff Report By: Benjamin Orosco

No current items to report.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 4, 2025

### WATER FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report By: Benjamin Orosco

**Meeting Date: October 2025** 

No meeting during this reporting period; meetings occur every other month.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 20, 2025

### WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Council Representative: Christopher Flores | Staff Report By: Vivian Castro

Meeting Date: October 28, 2025

Council Member Flores attended the meeting on behalf of the City of Chino.

# **Personnel Committee**

The Board unanimously approved the Global Positioning System and Cameras in District Vehicles Policy.

### **Administrative Matters**

The Board received regular staff reports, including the Field Operations Reports, Vector Disease and Surveillance Reports, IT/Community Outreach Activities Report, and Administrative Report.

# <u>Informational</u>

The Board received the 2024 Annual Report Vector-Borne Disease Section, California Department of Public Health, June 2025.

Next anticipated meeting date: Month xx, 2025