



# CITY OF CHINO

## MONTHLY AGENCY REPORTS

MARCH 24, 2026 - Covering meetings from January 1 – January 31, 2026

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: January 20, 2026

During their special meeting on January 20, 2026, the Board of Directors met in closed session to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director of Animal Services. They also discussed labor negotiations for this position.

#### Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

The Board approved several consent items, including December 2, 2025, meeting minutes, a resolution amending observed holidays, and a two-year, \$400,000 Administrative Services Agreement with the City of Ontario. Additionally, the Board took administrative action to approve a contract amendment for Executive Director Clinton Thacker, granting a 3% increase in base salary.

#### Next anticipated meeting date: February 25, 2026

### 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: March 17, 2026

### CHINO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

#### Meeting Date: No meeting in January due to the Chamber Retreat on January 16.

- On Wednesday, January 7, Council Member Christopher Flores, Ellyse Martinez, and Linda Hinojos attended the Coastal Kids Pediatric Care Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Council Member Flores presented a certificate from the City Council and said a few words of welcome to the new business. The business is located at 13609 Central Avenue, Suite B&C.

- On Monday, January 12, Council Member Flores attended career day hosted by the Chamber at Ray Wiltsey Middle School in Ontario. While there, he met with students and talked about his work as a Council Member here in Chino.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 24, 2026**

### CHINO BASIN DESALTER AUTHORITY

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

**Meeting Date: January 27, 2026**

The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) reported that 371.563 acre-feet of water was delivered to the City of Chino in December.

The CDA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended the following, all of which were approved:

- Approval of a 5% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to ensure salaries remain competitive in the labor market and support the retention and attraction of qualified employees. The total impact on the FY 25/26 budget, covering January 2026 to June 2026, is estimated at \$17,317.
- Approval to sole-source purchase from FEDCO Equipment for a spare Reverse Osmosis (RO) interstage pump and motor for the Chino I Desalter in the amount of \$65,714. The Chino I Desalter utilizes an interstage booster pump to regulate flow between the first and second stages of the RO process. Adequate funding is available in the FY 2025/26 Operations and Maintenance Budget.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 24, 2026**

### CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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

**Meeting Date: January 22, 2026**

#### Business Item A: Chino Basin Watermaster 48th Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2024/25)

This item involved consideration of the 48th Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024/25, which documents Watermaster activities, basin conditions, groundwater management actions, and compliance with the Judgment during the prior fiscal year. The agenda packet explained that the Annual Report serves as the official record of Watermaster operations and must be filed with the Court. The report summarizes administrative actions, basin monitoring results, Optimum Basin Management Program activities, and other key accomplishments completed during the fiscal year. Following review and discussion, the Watermaster Board adopted the 48th Annual Report as presented and directed staff to file the report with the Court, subject to any necessary non-substantive changes.

#### Business Item B: Budget Amendment A-26-01-01 – Refinement of Safe Yield Reevaluation Technical Work

This item addressed a proposed budget amendment to continue and refine technical work associated with the ongoing Safe Yield Reevaluation. The agenda packet explained that the amendment would fund additional modeling, peer-review coordination, and refinement of technical assumptions to support continued evaluation

of basin conditions and long-term safe-yield determinations. During the Board discussion, several Board members expressed frustration regarding the cumulative cost and duration of repeated Safe Yield reevaluations and raised concerns about the amount of funding being expended to continue this effort.

It was clarified during the discussion that the Safe Yield Reevaluation work is funded by the Appropriative Pool, not by all Watermaster parties, and that the Appropriative Pool elected to advance this item for Board consideration. The item had previously been supported by the Advisory Committee, with a reported 93 percent affirmative vote. While concerns regarding overall expenditures were noted, the Board acknowledged the Appropriative Pool's funding responsibility and the procedural appropriateness of bringing the item forward.

Following discussion, the Watermaster Board adopted Budget Amendment A-26-01-01, with a vote of eight in favor and one opposed, authorizing staff and consultants to proceed with the refined Safe Yield Reevaluation technical work.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 26, 2026**

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

**Meeting Date: January 14, 2026**

Liaison Reports To Fire District

City of Chino Council Member Karen Comstock updated the Fire District Board on the following:

- The City of Chino's first Lunar New Year Celebration on January 31 – February 1.
- The Euclid Avenue Bridge Project, which is now moving into environmental review. A public scoping meeting is being hosted on January 27, with a virtual meeting on January 29. Information on the project is available at [www.cityofchino.org/euclid](http://www.cityofchino.org/euclid).
- The annual Run for Russ Memorial 5K is taking place on February 7, with registration open for participants. She thanked the Chino Valley Fire Foundation for its support and collaboration with the City.
- Chilly Chino Snow Day will take place at Ayala Park on Saturday, January 17.

New Business

The Board of Directors approved the following items 5-0:

- Item 7. Board Member Compensation - The Board reviewed and discussed Board Member compensation and directed staff to bring an ordinance back for consideration, increasing the per-meeting/service-day Board Member compensation to \$194, in accordance with Board Policies and State law.
- Item 8. Board Annual Individual Membership Review - The Board reviewed and approved the recommendations for individual memberships for Board Members in accordance with Board Policy 1090:
  - President Mike Kreeger: Rancho Del Chino Rotary Club

- Vice President Tom Haughey: Rancho Del Chino Rotary Club
- Director Harvey Luth: Kiwanis Club
- Director Sarah Ramos-Evinger: Rancho Del Chino Rotary Club and National Fire Protection Association
- SB 105 Communications Infrastructure - The Board authorized the Fire Chief to accept a \$360,000 grant and execute the associated subaward. The grant, totaling \$360,000, is from an appropriation from Assemblymember Rodriguez and will fund new communication infrastructure. The funding is included in SB 105 and funded through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES).

#### Fire Chief's Comments

The Fire Chief provided an update on the Ambulance Transport Service through ConFire JPA, stating that CVFD would continue to move forward based on the latest information from the appellate court. He stated the new truck is in the District and staff are being trained on it.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 11, 2026**

**CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report By: Vivian Castro

**Meeting Date: January 15, 2026**

#### Information

The Board received the following items as information:

- Item IV.A.1. New Board Policy 6145.1 Students – Student Access to Sex-Separated Facilities, Programs, and Athletics Received for information New Board Policy 6145.1 Students – Student Access to Sex-Separated Facilities, Programs, and Athletics.
- Item IV.B.1. 2024/2025 Independent Auditor's Annual Financial Audit Report - Received for information the 2024/2025 Independent Auditors' Annual Financial Audit Report.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 19, 2026**

**CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – MEASURE G OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
 Council Representative: Karen Comstock | Staff Report By: Silvia Avalos

**Meeting Date: January 28, 2026**

#### Construction Update

- Don Lugo High School – Pool and Gymnasium Renovations: Work in the gymnasium was successfully completed and turned over to the school site during the first week of January. The hardwood floors were stained to match school colors, and a new bleacher system was installed on both the home and visitor sides. In the pool area, the fence/gates, deck, grandstand, and shade structures are complete.

The pool interior has been plastered, and the pool was filled in early January. The pool is expected to be fully completed and ready for use by early February 2026. On the east side of the gymnasium, construction of the new foyer, ticket booth, and restrooms continues.

- Ayala High School – Performing Arts Center: A Notice Inviting Bids for the project is scheduled to be publicly advertised late January 2026, with construction anticipated to start in summer 2026.

**Next anticipated meeting date: April 29, 2026**

#### CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR CIM & CIW

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

No report.

#### INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY (IEUA) REGIONAL SEWERAGE COMMITTEE

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

**Meeting Date: January 1, 2026**

The meeting was canceled.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 5, 2026**

#### LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES – INLAND EMPIRE DIVISION

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

**Meeting Date: January 29, 2026**

Council Member Karen Comstock and Assistant City Manager Jackie Melendez attended the Inland Empire Division meeting of the League of California Cities in Grand Terrace. New IE Division president Bill Hussey of Grand Terrace led the meeting. Immediate Past President Kristine Scott of Rancho Cucamonga informed members of the League of Cities' Goals for 2026. Ms. Scott led a discussion on Division Goals, with IE Division Vice President Karen Comstock discussing Measure I, homelessness, and Proposition 36 implementation. Information on Governor Newsom's proposed budget was provided, noting that it generally maintains existing programs but does not address cost pressures on cities, which are being forced to absorb state policy responsibilities without compensation. For example, no new state funding is provided to support cities' implementation of Proposition 36. Advocacy for funding homelessness and housing was identified as a critical issue for League members.

Committee members provided updates on the policy committees. Laura Varela, the Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League, provided an update on the League's activities and upcoming events.

**Next anticipated meeting date: March 19, 2026**

**OMNITRANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Meeting Date: January 5, 2026**

No current items to report.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 4, 2026****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: January 13, 2026**

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved Item No. 35, authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 24-978 with Vellutini Corporation (dba Royal Electric Company) for the Chino Airport Light Vault Upgrade Project. This amendment increases the contract by \$86,461 to cover the additional labor, materials, and equipment required to replace the existing Airfield Lighting Control and Monitoring System. Additionally, the Board adopted the 2026 County Goals and Objectives and approved fee waivers for residents impacted by late 2025 extreme weather events to expedite storm debris removal and the issuance of rebuilding permits.

**Meeting Date: January 27, 2026**

The Board approved Item No. 4, authorizing a contract with Chino Post No. 299 of the American Legion to provide up to \$50,000 in discretionary funding for event hall renovations. These funds, allocated from the Fourth District's District Specific Priorities Program, will support critical infrastructure improvements at the post to enhance its capacity for veteran services and community events. Additionally, the Board established a Child Welfare Ad Hoc Committee to strengthen family protection policies and accepted the 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Report, which includes technical adjustments to county appropriations and reserves.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 10, 2026****SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

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

No meeting during this reporting period.

**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: January 5, 2026**

SBCTA Board approved guidelines for a VMT Mitigation Bank Pilot Program

State law, SB 743, recently changed transportation-related project impacts from Level of Service-based criteria to Vehicle Miles Traveled criteria. The goal of the bill was to reduce the need to build out to relieve congestion, in favor of smarter development that allows more people to travel less for work, residence, and recreation. Projects must now demonstrate their impact on VMT and, if so affected, mitigate that impact. Ways to mitigate VMT are challenging and include off-peak work schedules, added bicycle and pedestrian facilities, ridesharing programs, and other travel demand management practices. Many of these measures provide minimal reductions to VMT, so a program that yields more significant VMT mitigation was sought. A regional VMT program that can serve as a cap-and-trade-style program, where projects would pay a mitigation fee based on the severity of their impact on a regional bank, which could then be used to fund significant VMT reductions.

SBCTA's Pilot VMT Mitigation Program would receive these VMT mitigation fees from participating agencies and fund a program in which commuters would subscribe to a service that would offer a small financial incentive if they did not make a home-based work trip. The fees collected would then be provided as a direct incentive to participants for reducing their specific VMT. The approved agenda item included program guidelines, allocated an initial budget from carbon reduction funding, and approved a contract with a software provider, which will be used by subscribers to trace participating VMT.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 4, 2026**

**SBCTA – CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE**  
Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report By: Jackie Melendez

No meeting during this reporting period.

**Next anticipated meeting date: March 4, 2026**

**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: May 7, 2026**

**SANTA ANA WATERSHED ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

**Meeting Date: January 6, 2026**

The meeting was canceled.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 3, 2026****WATER FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**Meeting Date: January 16, 2026****Business Item 8A: Mid-Year Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025–26**

A mid-year budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025–26 budget in the amount of \$78,874 was proposed. The amendment accounts for operational adjustments and updated expenditure projections identified during the mid-year review, ensuring the Authority's budget remains aligned with actual operational needs. The Board approved the mid-year budget amendment as presented, authorizing the revised budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Next anticipated meeting date: March 19, 2026****WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

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

**Meeting Date: January 27, 2026**

No business was conducted. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:51 due to the lack of a quorum.

**Next anticipated meeting date: February 24, 2026**