



CITY OF CHINO

MONTHLY AGENCY REPORTS

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 - Covering meetings from June 1 – June 30, 2025

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: June 3, 2025

The following items were discussed and approved during the Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire (ARC) Board meeting held on June 3, 2025:

Official Board Seal Ordinance

- The Board of Directors adopted an ordinance establishing an official seal for the ARC.
- The ordinance includes penalties for any unauthorized use of this new official seal.

Construction Contract Change Orders

- The Board authorized the Executive Director to execute Change Orders No. 3 and No. 4 to the construction contract with JRH Construction Company, Inc.
- These change orders, totaling \$827,020, increase the contract's not-to-exceed amount to \$4,733,642.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fee Schedule

- The Board adopted a resolution to approve the proposed fee schedule for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025-26.
- This resolution sets the service-related fees for all Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) member agencies.

New Veterinarian Position and Employee Benefits

- The Board approved an authorized benefit package for all ARC employees.
- The Board also approved the addition of a veterinarian position to the ARC's authorized position list.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 1, 2025

CHAFFEY COLLEGE CHINO COMMUNITY CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Meeting Date: June 23, 2025

Balance Sheet and Income Statement through March 31, 2025

The Community Center's operating net income is \$64,859, and total capital is \$345,502. The committee discussed electricity costs, especially since the campus has solar panels. Staff will investigate the impact of the

solar panels on the cost of electricity for the Center and report at the next meeting.

Budget 2025-2026

The adopted budget for the Community Center will be presented at the September meeting. The college is waiting for information on a salary increase from the State. The budget will also reflect service for monthly and quarterly deep cleaning of the Community Center courtyard. Courtyard rentals would be increased from \$500 to \$675 per event to cover the cost, which is estimated to be \$6,000 – \$7,600 annually. It was agreed that for the time being, a service may be provided to cover immediate needs in July, August, and September. The cost, which is estimated at \$2,000 total for the three months, would be absorbed by the existing community center budget.

Temporary Assistant Position Update

A Student Worker On-Call/Emergency support position was approved. This student will be a Chaffey College student in the hospitality program who will work approximately 15 hours per week, on-call, in case the Event Coordinator and Event Assistant are unable to report to work during an event. The Chino Campus Dean would also report to the event to assist the student. The student worker will start this coming fall.

Event Coordinator Contract

The contract compensation was increased by 3.24% for the upcoming fiscal year. Additionally, the levels of annual revenue that need to be reached for an incentive to be earned were increased by \$25K each. The Event Coordinator contract was approved with an edit to Section “2.0 Term” to add a one-year option to renew, contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluation after year one.

Event Assistant Contract

The contract compensation was increased by 3.24% for the upcoming fiscal year, in addition to an increase in maximum hours. The Event Assistant contract was approved with an edit to Section “2.0 Term” to add a one-year option to renew, contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluation at the conclusion of year one.

Upcoming Fiscal Year Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates: 9/16/2025, 12/16/2025, 3/17/2026, 6/16/2026.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 16, 2025

CHINO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

No current items to report.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 15, 2025

CHINO BASIN DESALTER AUTHORITY

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

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025*Water Delivery*

The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) reported that 504 acre-feet of water was delivered to the City of Chino in May.

TAC Recommendations

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

- Professional Services agreement with Carollo Engineers for the design of the Seed Wash System and Associated Facilities Project (Seed System), in an amount not to exceed \$175,000. The Seed System is intended to treat the brine concentrate generated by the reverse osmosis (RO) membranes at the Chino II Desalter. It helps maintain a consistent volume of seed material, which is critical to the efficiency and effectiveness of the RO treatment process. Funding for the project design is included in the FY 25/26 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 22, 2025**CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

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

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025**Business Items***Turner Basins 5-10 Project Description and Initial Concept Plan*

The meeting focused on the potential development of Basins 3, 4, A, B, and C in San Bernardino County, which are currently used for water recharge. The county has deemed these facilities non-essential for flood control, prompting discussions on their development. The speaker emphasized the importance of these basins for receiving imported, stormwater, and recycled water, and expressed concerns about their potential loss. The basins have historically recharged significant amounts of water, and losing them could impact safety. The meeting concluded with a unanimous decision to approve the preparation of an initial concept plan within the existing budget.

Selection of Firm to Perform Peer Review of the 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation Final Report

The main item of discussion on the board agenda was the engagement of SS Papadopoulos for a peer review of the 2025 state field evaluation results. The board had previously directed this action in April. The process involved developing a scope of work, soliciting proposals from pre-qualified firms, and conducting independent reviews and interviews. SS Papadopoulos was recommended due to their expertise and ability to meet accelerated timelines. The contract amount is \$95,628. The board discussed the strengths of the firm, including its experience with USGS and Modflow version six. The board unanimously approved the motion to engage SS Papadopoulos and authorized the general manager to sign the contract. Bi-weekly meetings and monthly updates to the board are planned, with a draft report expected in September and a final report in October.

Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) Economic Study Request (Information Only)

The meeting focused on the request for an economic analysis related to the Peace Agreement renewal of the meet-and-confer talks, similar to a 2007 study by Dr. David Sunding. The request was made by members of the Appropriative Pool. The study would consider assessments of stored water in the Chino Basin, Desalter Replenishment Obligations, and a reduction in Safe Yield.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 24, 2025

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT - LIAISON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Representative: Karen Comstock | Staff Report By: Linda Reich

Meeting Date: June 12, 2025

The Board cancelled its regularly scheduled June 11, 2025, Board meeting and held a Special Meeting on June 12, 2025.

CALFIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map

The Board conducted a public hearing and the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-01, adopting the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The ordinance was adopted 5-0 and is effective September 1, 2025. With the new CalFire Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map, some areas in the southern part of Chino, including parts of The Preserve and Prado Dam, have been classified as Very High, High, or Moderate fire hazard severity zones. The map also significantly expands the zones in Chino Hills.

CVFD Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Budget

The Board approved Resolution No. 2025-11, adopting the 2025-26 Original Budget for the District. The FY26 budget provides a balanced budget, with an operating surplus of \$1,060,000. It includes \$63.4 million in revenues and \$62.3 million in expenditures. Property tax-related revenues are forecast to be 4.2% higher than estimated actuals for FY25. Expenditures are anticipated to decrease by 3% over FY25 budgeted amounts due to substantial capital expenses in the FY25 budget.

As of June 30, 2026, the total Fund balance is projected at \$64 million, with roughly \$42.2 million in unrestricted funds and \$12.1 million in restricted funds composed of the Section 115 Retirement Trust, exclusively available for the funding of pension obligations, and an additional \$9.4 million restricted for the construction of Station 68. The projected balance in the unrestricted fund balance on June 30, 2026, represents approximately 67% of budgeted FY26 expenditures. The Emergency Contingency portion of the Committed Fund balance is projected at \$10.4 million, and \$21.8 million in the projected Unassigned Fund balance on June 30, 2026.

Notable items in the budget include the following:

- *New Chino Hills Fire Station (Station No. 68)* - Once construction is complete and the station is certified for occupancy, the district will own and operate the facility, also assuming ongoing responsibility for staffing, operating, and maintaining the new fire station. The new station is projected to be operational 18 months after the beginning of construction. Provision for the ongoing Station No. 68 projected operating costs has been included in the Long-Range Financial Plan in this budget.

- *San Bernardino County CONFIRE JPA for Ambulance Transport Services* - The budget notes that while San Bernardino County awarded the ambulance transport services contract to CONFIRE JPA, which provides for the CVFD to provide ambulance transport in the CVFD area, implementation is currently on hold due to a court injunction. It notes that the district already owns and maintains fully equipped ambulances to implement the contract if the JPA is authorized to proceed.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 9, 2025

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: June 5, 2025

Action Items

FY 2025-26 Budget – The Board opened the hearing regarding the FY 2025-26 budget. There were no speakers and no action on the item.

Consent Calendar (approved 5-0)

Multi-Track Schools – The Board adopted the following:

- Resolution 2024/25-76 to maintain 175 days of instruction for schools on a multi-track calendar.
- Attendance calendars for the 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29 school years for multitrack year-round schools.

Meeting Date: June 18, 2025 – The minutes for this meeting are not yet available as of 8/6/25.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 17, 2025

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – MEASURE G OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 3, 2025

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR CIM & CIW

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

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

CIM Mental Health Facility

CIM provided an update regarding their progress on the 50-bed mental health facility, which is anticipated to be completed this year. The facility will provide acute emergency psychological services to all levels of inmates throughout the state. The facility is being constructed within the confines of the closed facility "D" yard and

will have a secured internal perimeter with its own fencing. CIM also provided an update on their educational programs with a focus on the recently completed Cal State LA Campus, offering a bachelor's degree in liberal studies. CIM staff shared that they are also focusing on cleaning up vegetation issues on the facility.

CIW

CIW provided an update on their operations, noting they are undergoing a healthcare accreditation process, and undertaking walkway and access improvements for those inmates with disabilities. The prison has installed Narcan dispensers in all housing units that are accessible to all inmates. A special meal was served to inmates on the 4th of July. CIW is accepting donations for used bikes to be repaired and donated back to the community. The total population of CIW is approximately 1,202 inmates.

Next anticipated meeting date: August 12, 2025

INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY (IEUA) REGIONAL SEWERAGE COMMITTEE

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

Meeting Date: June 5, 2025

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

Ron Craig of the Technical Advisory Committee provided a report of recent activities to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) Sewer Policy Committee. Key topics included a presentation by staff on pretreatment and compliance issues, highlighting toxicity concerns being addressed with member agencies. Mr. Craig highlighted that there was considerable discussion on action items B and C, noted below. The TAC came to a consensus to recommend that the items go forward.

Action Items

B. Recommended the IEUA Board of Directors adopt the Fiscal Year 2025/26 – Fiscal Year 2034/35 Ten-Year Sewer Capital Forecast - A presentation was provided. After significant Board discussion on the item, no clear consensus was reached. There was a motion to move to a vote; it was seconded, but the item failed to pass by a 4-3 vote. The item did not move forward with a recommendation.

C. Recommended the IEUA Board of Directors adopt the Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27 Proposed Biennial Budget for Regional Wastewater Programs - There was Board discussion after a presentation was provided. There was a motion to move the item, but it was not seconded. The item did not move forward with a recommendation.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 3, 2025

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES – INLAND EMPIRE DIVISION
Council Representative: Marc Lucio | Staff Report by: Jackie Melendez

Meeting Date: June 30, 2025

The League of California Cities held its annual Joint Meeting of the Inland Empire, Desert Mountain, and Riverside Divisions. The presentation topic was Proposition 36, a statewide voter-approved initiative aimed at increasing penalties for repeat theft and drug offenses. Speakers on the topic included the Riverside County District Attorney, San Bernardino County Assistant District Attorney, Riverside Police Chief, and Chino's Chief of Police, Kevin Mensen. The proposition's impacts on retail theft and funding needs for implementation were discussed. Mayor Ulloa and Council Members Comstock and Flores attended the meeting.

Next anticipated meeting date: TBD

OMNITRANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report by: Dennis Ralls

Meeting Date: June 4, 2025

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Management Plan

The Board adopted the Management Plan, which defines the agency's high-level goals based on a 5-year Strategic Plan. The high-level goals in the Management Plan include Safe & Secure Operations, Customer Experience, Operational & Workforce Development, Finance, Long-Range Planning, and Community Engagement. The Board also adopted the FY 2026 Marketing Plan. The Marketing Plan identifies the marketing strategies the organization will use to meet its goals. These goals include Build Ridership, Elevate Customer Experience, Targeted Community Engagement, and Strengthen Partnerships.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 2, 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: June 10, 2025

The following items relevant to the Fourth District were approved during the June 10 Board of Supervisors meeting:

Chino Airport Driveway Improvements: The Board approved a contract for infrastructure upgrades at Chino Airport. This project will include new driveway access, moving fences, and repaving and restriping the south parking lot using Fourth District discretionary funds.

Prado Regional Park Event Permit: A permit was approved for Skyline Production Group LLC to host a Country Campout Event at Prado Regional Park from July 16 to July 21, 2025. This event is expected to generate at least \$28,535.96 in revenue for the County.

Prado Regional Park Capital Improvement Project: As part of a larger Capital Improvement Projects initiative, the Board approved \$324,000 for the Irrigation Well Project at Prado Regional Park.

Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

Prado Regional Park - During the June 18, 2025, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, they approved an \$850,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This funding will be used to construct new restrooms and showers at the tent campground in Prado Regional Park.

Next anticipated meeting date: August 8, 2025

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: October 15, 2025

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SBCTA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report by: Dennis Ralls

Meeting Date: June 4, 2025

Consent Calendar

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Smart Corridor Awards – The Board approved awards for the Smart Corridor Investment in the San Bernardino Valley. Among these awards, the City of Chino partnered with the City of Montclair on funding technology and signal timing improvements along the Central Avenue corridor north of Philadelphia Avenue.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Budget – The approved budget includes an estimated revenue total of \$1,008,495,818, appropriations of \$1,283,877,089, a carryover balance of \$278,989,359, and transfers of \$113,304,818.

Executive Director Contract – The employment contract with the new Executive Director, Carolyn Schindler, which becomes effective August 9, was approved.

Board Elections - The Board elected a new Board President and Vice President. The new President is Rick Denison, Council Member from the Town of Apple Valley. The new Vice President is Joe Baca, Jr., Supervisor from the County of San Bernardino.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 2, 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

Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

No current items to report.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 1, 2025

WATER FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: July 17, 2025

WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Assessments - The board held a hearing and approved Resolution No. 2025-03, Approving the Engineer's Reports, Confirming the Assessment Diagram and Assessment and Ordering the Continuation of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Vector Control Assessment

(Assessment No. 1), and for the Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment (Assessment No. 2). On May 27, 2025, the board adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 to continue to levy and collect assessments for FY2025-26, preliminarily approving the Engineer's Reports, and providing for notice of hearing on June 24, 2025.

The assessments fund mosquito, vector, and disease control services directly provided to properties in the assessment area. Assessment No. 1 is designated as the "West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Vector Control Assessment," and is primarily described as encompassing the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, and the southern portions of the cities of Ontario and Montclair.

Assessment No. 2 has been designated the "West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment" ("Assessment No. 2"), and is primarily described as encompassing the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the northern portions of the cities of Ontario and Montclair, as well as the City of Upland, the unincorporated area north of Upland known as San Antonio Heights, and the unincorporated area north of the City of Rancho Cucamonga and south of the Angeles National Forest.

Assessment No. 1 for FY 2025-26 was continued at the following rates: Zone A at \$15.75 per unit for residential parcels, and \$26.26 per parcel for all other parcel types; and Zone B at \$21.86 per unit for residential parcels, and \$36.44 per parcel for all other parcel types.

Assessment No. 2 for FY 2025-26 was continued at the rate of \$15.75 per single-family equivalent benefit unit. The estimated cost and budget in the Engineer's Report proposed assessments for FY 2025-26 at the rate of \$15.75 per SFE unit, a 3% increase over the prior year assessment rate, and less than the maximum authorized assessment rate of \$16.83.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget – The board approved the FY 2025-26 Budget for the district, including pay scale adjustments. The adopted \$4,277,610 budget is an increase of 3.94% over the FY 2024-25 budget, and reflects the following:

- An increase of 3% in benefit assessment and an increase in the number of homes in the district
- 2% COLA for staff and added 2 full-time positions
- Unfunded liability increase
- Contractual percentage increases for deferred compensation
- Anticipated inflation increases
- Reduction due to diminished expectation of utilizing helicopter treatments
- Reduction due to historical use not reaching the budget allocation
- Reduction from FY '22 – '23 when Southern California gas prices hit a 20-year peak

Staff Reports – The board received the Field Operations Reports, Vector Disease and Surveillance Reports, IT/Community Outreach Activities Report, and the Administrative Report.

Best Management Practice (BMPs) Guidelines for Feral/Community Cats in Cities with Flea-Borne Typhus – In response to the increase in human cases of flea-borne typhus in San Bernardino County, and to minimize the inherent public health risks associated with releasing sterilized cats that may carry typhus within the WVMVCD's jurisdiction, staff provided BMPs for feral cats as previously requested by the board.

Next anticipated meeting date: August 26, 2025