



CITY OF CHINO

MONTHLY AGENCY REPORTS

APRIL 15, 2025 - Covering meetings from February 1 – February 28, 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.

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 18, 2025

CHINO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

- On Thursday, February 13, Council Member Flores and City staff attended the H Mart Grand opening. There, they spoke with business owners and managers, participated in a tour of the building, and presented a certificate of congratulations. The store is located at 3967 Spectrum S, Chino, CA 91710.
- On Thursday, February 13, Council Member Flores and City staff attended the Learning Experience Ribbon Cutting. Council Member Flores presented the business with a certificate of congratulations and said a few words about the importance of education-based businesses in the City of Chino. The center is located at 12479 Central Ave, Chino, CA 91710.
- On Saturday, February 15, Council Member Marc Lucio and City staff attended the Wienerschnitzel Grand Opening in the Preserve. Council Member Lucio presented the business with a certificate of congratulations and welcomed the new business to the community. The restaurant is located at 15713 Euclid Ave, Chino, CA 91708.
- On Wednesday, February 26, City staff attended the Chino PD Cargo Theft Awareness Roundtable. This Roundtable was hosted in partnership with the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce. Attendees learned about ways Chino PD is being proactive in preventing cargo theft in Chino, about different tactics used by thieves, and how to protect their businesses.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 18, 2025

CHINO BASIN DESALTER AUTHORITY

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

Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) reported that 357 acre-feet of water was delivered to the City of

Chino in January.

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

- Approval of Step Saver Companies as an alternate supplier for bulk salt in the amount not to exceed \$50,000. Due to ongoing inventory challenges with Morton Salt, Inc., which remains the primary supplier of bulk salt, it is recommended that Step Saver Companies be approved as an alternate supplier. This decision will help mitigate the risk of supply shortages, ensuring a more reliable source of bulk salt if Morton Salt cannot fulfill its deliveries. There will be no impact on the current budget, as the additional contract amount will remain within the approved FY 2024/25 bulk salt budget of \$1,470,000.
- Approval of Amendment No. 2 with the County of San Bernardino. Amendment No. 2 allows the County to install a fiber optic network at CDA well sites (funded by the County) and connect to CDA's raw water pipeline linking to the Chino I Desalter. It also covers the County's payments for updates to CDA's GIS mapping, O&M manual, DDW's 97-005 permit modifications, and SCADA programming by CDA's consultants. The amendment includes an easement for well I-4 and extends the Well Lease agreement for an additional 30 years. There is no impact on the budget.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 25, 2025

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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

Meeting Date: February 27, 2025

Business Item: Calculation of Excess Cash Reserves Based on Operation Cash Reserve Policy

The Board voted to defer the refund of excess cash reserves in accordance with Watermaster Policy 4.17 until the FY 25-26 budget process is completed. The proposed \$1,374,166.74 in excess cash reserves is calculated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The amount could increase depending on the total amount of Special Assessment Pool Fund balances deemed necessary by the Pools; hence, the deferral will continue until after the budget process is completed. The deferral was approved unanimously 9-0.

Legal Update: Peace Agreement

The Peace Agreement expires in 2030 unless extended. Prior to the expiration, there are provisions that the Agriculture Pool (AG) and Appropriative Pool (AP) are required to meet and confer in 2025. Either the AP or AG Pool can unilaterally extend the contract. All members of the AP Pool have met and started the meet and confer process.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 27, 2025

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT - LIAISON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Meeting Date: February 12, 2025

Liaison Reports to the Fire District – Chino Council Member Karen Comstock reported that she would continue

as Chino's liaison to the Fire District. She provided information on upcoming City of Chino programs and events.

Award of Construction/Project Management and Inspection Services Contract for Fire Station 68 – The Board approved the award of RFP No. 2024-02 Construction/Project Management & Inspection Services for Fire Station 68 Project to Transtech Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$944,520 and authorized a project contingency of up to 10% of the bid award in the event of contract modifications requested by CVFD.

Award of Professional Services Agreement for Strategic Plan – The Board approved a Professional Services Agreement with Citygate for \$49,901 to develop a Strategic Plan for CVFD.

Side Letter Agreement with the Chino Valley Professional Firefighters – The Board approved a Side Letter Agreement between CVFD and Chino Valley Professional Firefighters, Local 3522 pertaining to employer-paid member contributions to comply with public employees' retirement law.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 12, 2025

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: February 20, 2025

Closed Session – By a vote of 4-0 (Na absent), the Board directed Advocates for Faith and Freedom, legal counsel, to initiate legal action to challenge the ruling in the Freedom From Religion Foundation lawsuit. It also authorized and directed legal counsel to pursue further litigation on the matter, including, but not limited to, filing petitions and motions and taking the necessary legal steps to ensure the constitutional questions presented in the case are addressed before the court.

Action Items – Resolution 2024/2025-52, Opposing the Adoption of SCAQMD Proposed Amended Rules 111 and 1121, requiring the phasing out and replacement of gas furnaces and water heaters with electric ones in residential and commercial facilities, was adopted 4-0 (Na absent).

Next anticipated meeting date: March 20, 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: April 30, 2025

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR CIM & CIW

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

Meeting Date: February 11, 2025

CIM Count increased by 101 to a total population of 2,265, which is well below its capacity of 2,977. The prison continued to focus on inmate programs, including tattoo removal, a satellite Cal State LA Campus, and various therapy programs. The 50-bed mental health facility in the formerly deactivated D Yard is slated for completion in October 2025. The inmate population collected over \$2,500 to donate to the Red Cross for fire victims.

Next anticipated meeting date: April 8, 2025

INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY REGIONAL SEWERAGE COMMITTEE
Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report by: Benjamin Orosco

Meeting Date: February 6, 2025

Informational Items

Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Computations for New Sewer Connections:

A new standard fixture valve schedule was presented at the Sewer Technical Committee meeting, and the committee recommended forwarding it to the Regional Sewer Committee for consideration before passing it on to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board for approval. The proposed fixture valve schedule is similar to the City of Chino's standard fixture schedule used in its building permit process.

Rate-Setting Process and Schedule:

The committee presented the rate-setting process and scheduled calendar dates. Rate increases will be released by the end of day on **February 27, 2025**, and will cover a two-year period, with a five-year rate study to follow. The rate increases under consideration include:

- Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) fees
- Recycled water fees
- Meter equivalent units (domestic water fees)

The rate study will be presented to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) Board on **April 16, 2025**.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 6, 2025

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

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 20, 2025

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

Meeting Date: February 5, 2025

The Board received a quarterly update on marketing and outreach efforts. Staff visited 9 cities at 15 events, including a booth at Chino's Senior Health Fair.

The Board also authorized the Board to call for a public hearing regarding a proposed service change. One proposed change would be to eliminate Route 300 SB Connect, which provides a last-mile shuttle between the San Bernardino Transit Center and employment locations in downtown San Bernardino. The proposed route elimination is due to low ridership. The other change is a proposed service increase to Route 380 ONT Connector, another last-mile shuttle connecting the Ontario International Airport to the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink Station. The service increase would add weekday service and extend weekend service to better

synchronize with Metrolink’s San Bernardino Line train schedule. The service change is expected to improve ridership and cost recovery. The proposed changes require a public hearing per Omnitrans policy and Title VI regulations. Three outreach events, which include physical outreach and virtual meetings, are planned to discuss the proposed changes and solicit feedback.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 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: February 11, 2025

No current items to report.

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Animal Services – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors solidified a regional partnership to enhance animal care services. Under Item No. 30, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with the cities of Ontario and Chino to establish the Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire. This newly formed agency will integrate animal control and shelter services, providing a unified approach to animal welfare across the region. This collaborative effort represents a significant stride in ensuring residents have access to high-quality, cost-effective animal care, benefiting the communities of Chino and the broader Inland Empire.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 11, 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: April 16, 2025

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SBCTA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Meeting Date: February 5, 2025

10-Year Delivery Plan – The Board received an update to SBCTA’s 10-Year Delivery Plan. Included in the update was the recent completion of the State Route 60 (SR-60) Central Avenue Bridge Project in Chino. The plan also includes a future SR-60 / Euclid Avenue Interchange Improvement project estimated to begin in fiscal year 2027/2028. No other projects listed in the current plan are near the Chino area.

Measure I – The Board received a presentation regarding a future Measure I ordinance and expenditure plan.

Modifications to the ordinance would include changing the measure to be evergreen with no expiration date. Other considerations include streamlining current processes, clarifying language, and simpler categorization of project type into Local Mobility, Regional Mobility, and Operations. The ordinance changes would need to go to the voters for approval. The presentation was complemented by remarks from Paul Granillo, President of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, who spoke about the private sector's support for the renewal of Measure I.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 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: May 1-2, 2025

SANTA ANA WATERSHED ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Meeting Date: February 4, 2025

No meeting during this reporting period. A meeting cancellation notice was sent on January 28.

Next anticipated meeting date: April 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: March 20, 2025

ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER OF THE INLAND EMPIRE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report by: Rogelio Huerta

Meeting Date: February 6, 2025

Temporary Animal Services Center Construction

- The Board awarded a construction contract to JRH Construction Company, Inc. for \$3,411,763, with a 10% contingency, for the Temporary Animal Services Center.

Furniture and Equipment Purchases

- A cooperative purchase agreement with Info-Com Business Products was approved for furniture purchase and installation, totaling \$113,953.

- A Goods and Services Agreement with Midmark Corporation was approved for animal services equipment, and furniture purchase and installation, totaling \$1,508,870.

Administrative Matters

- The Board discussed and considered changing the Joint Powers Authority logo.
- The Board approved the establishment of a future ad hoc committee to design the permanent Animal Services Center. They approved the appointment of two Directors (Burton & Porada) or Alternate Directors to that ad hoc committee.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 06, 2025

WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Board Trustees – James Breitling and Ashley Stickler were sworn in as the new WVMVCD Trustees representing the cities of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga, respectively.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-01 – The Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-01, approving the District Financial Reserve Policy to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance of not less than 20% of the budgeted general fund expenditures as a reserve for economic uncertainties and vector-borne disease epidemic uncertainties.

FY 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments – The Board approved adjustments to the budget, resulting in a 1.01% change in the total budget, primarily the result of higher than anticipated investment returns, expanded vector control work at CIM, inflationary increases for fringe benefits and vehicle repair and equipment purchase costs.

Update of Personnel Policies – The Board approved updating the District's personnel policies, including adding a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan.

Staff Reports – Reports were provided for November 2024 (Field Operations, Vector Disease and Surveillance, and IT/Community Outreach Activities), December 2024 (Field Operations and IT/Community Outreach Activities), and January 2025 (Field Operations, IT/Community Outreach Activities, Administrative). The January Field Operations report included information on a January 24 meeting with the City of Chino Development Services Department to review procedures for unmaintained pools. Interagency cooperation to resolve public health issues in the city was discussed.

2024 Annual Reports – The annual report for 2024, which summarizes the activities from the monthly reports, was presented, with information from 2023 included for comparison.

Election of Board Officers and Committee Selection – The Board voted to retain the current officers (Paul Leon, President; Gary George, Vice-President; Carolyn Raft, Secretary). Trustee Brian Johsz and Vice-President George were both assigned to the Finance and Budget Committee and the Personnel Committee. The Insurance Committee assignments were tabled until the next meeting.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 25, 2025