



CITY OF CHINO

MONTHLY AGENCY REPORTS

OCTOBER 21, 2025 - Covering meetings from August 1 – August 31, 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: August 5, 2025

During the August 5 Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire (ARC) Board meeting, the Board approved the following items:

On-Call Veterinary Services Agreements

The Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute On-Call Veterinary Services Agreements with VCA California Veterinary Specialists and Country Animal Clinic. Each agreement has a total not-to-exceed amount of \$375,000, spanning a three-year term with an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000. These agreements are intended to provide on-call veterinary services, including spay and neuter procedures.

Acquisition of Mobile Veterinary Trailer

A contract was authorized with Magnum Mobile Specialty Vehicles for the construction and delivery of a mobile veterinary trailer for a not-to-exceed amount of \$202,547.

Fee Reduction Authority

The Board adopted a resolution that grants the Executive Director the authority to reduce or adjust fees for operational needs or special circumstances.

Legal Services Agreement

The Board authorized the Executive Director to execute a three-year legal services agreement with Best Best and Krieger LLP (BBK) for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$540,000, with an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$180,000.

Purpose/Designation Statement

The Board adopted the Purpose and Designation Statement, which had been previously discussed and selected at a Special Meeting/Study Session held on July 21, 2025. This Statement expresses the ARC's commitment to operating as a "Life Saving Entity" and working towards achieving a "No Kill" designation.

Goods and Services Agreement Amendment

Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Midmark Corporation was authorized. This amendment, with a new amount of \$113,705, increases the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$1,782,229 for the purchase and installation of animal services equipment and furniture.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 02, 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: September 16, 2025

CHINO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025

- On Friday, August 1, Council Member Chris Flores and City staff attended the grand opening of Ekang Nutra Inc. Council Member Flores welcomed the new business to the community. The business is located at 13955 Sycamore Way.
- On Tuesday, August 19, Mayor Eunice Ulloa and City staff attended the Grand Opening of Orange County's Credit Union. Mayor Ulloa presented the business with a certificate of congratulations and said a few words of welcome to the staff. The business is located at 8401 Pine Avenue #110.
- On Wednesday, August 27, Mayor Eunice Ulloa and City staff attended the Grand Re-Opening of Chino Primary Care Facility. The medical office reopened after a fire closed the original location. Mayor Ulloa congratulated the business on its reopening and presented a certificate of congratulations. The business is located at 5475 Walnut Avenue.
- On Thursday, August 28, City Manager Linda Reich and Assistant City Manager Jackie Melendez attended the Chamber Leadership Academy graduation, where Jackie was a keynote speaker. City of Chino graduates include Director of Public Works Hye Jin Lee, City Planner Andrea Gilbert, and Police Department Management Assistant Margareth Jackson.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 21, 2025

CHINO BASIN DESALTER AUTHORITY

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

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) reported that 438 acre-feet of water was delivered to the City of Chino in July.

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

- Approval of a professional services agreement with West Yost Water Engineered for geohydrologic services, in the amount not to exceed \$60,000. West Yost is also the Watermaster's geohydrologic consultant, and they will analyze groundwater impacts of new extraction well locations to ensure the

proposed new wells do not interfere with the existing Chino II wells. Funding for this agreement will be provided from the Specific (Identified) Capital Expenditures Reserve, specifically the New Chino II Well Construction Reserve Account, which has a balance of \$9.8 million as of August 14, 2025.

- Approval of a sole-source procurement for the replacement of JMS incline screw conveyor spiral ends provided by MISCO Water, in the amount not to exceed \$120,000. MISCO Water is JMS's sole authorized distributor throughout California. The reinforced ends will be constructed from high-grade 316 stainless steel to withstand both corrosion and mechanical stress. This retrofit will extend the service life of the equipment and improve operational reliability. Funding for this project will be provided through the CIP 7003 Capital Replacement Reserve, which currently has an unencumbered balance of \$370,000.
- Adoption of the Revised CDA Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Resolution 2025-05 was adopted, approving the updated ERP dated July 2025, as a core component of the Authority's Emergency Management Program. The ERP serves as the foundational guide for CDA in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergency incidents that may affect CDA's operations, personnel, or facilities. There is no impact on the Authority's Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 23, 2025

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

BUSINESS ITEMS:

B. Optimum Basin Management Program – Economic Analysis Update (Information Only)

Chino Basin Socioeconomic Studies Update:

The Watermaster has initiated an update to the 2006–2007 socioeconomic studies of the Chino Basin to account for current legal, hydrologic, and institutional changes. The update is led by researchers from the University of California, Davis, and the University of California, Berkeley with expertise in water policy, resource economics, and optimization. The study will integrate new data on groundwater rights, recycled water, infrastructure, and energy costs. Updated economic models will be used to evaluate equity, efficiency, and the distribution of benefits across agencies, with results shared through stakeholder engagement materials.

Timeline of Key Steps:

- August 5 – Kick-off meeting with Watermaster and research team
- Weeks 1–2 – Data collection and stakeholder interviews
- Weeks 3–4 – Model updates and legal/institutional integration
- Weeks 5–6 – Scenario modeling and benefit distribution analysis
- Weeks 7–8 – Sensitivity testing and report drafting
- By September 30 – Outreach materials completed

C. Peer Review of the Draft 2025 Safe Yield Reevaluation Final Report Update (Information Only)

Peer Review Safe Yield Evaluation Report:

The peer review process for the 2025 Safe Yield Evaluation Report (SYR) was conducted through weekly virtual meetings with staff from the Chino Basin Watermaster, West Yost, and consultants from S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates. These meetings provided opportunities to share information, review draft materials, and ensure consistency with prior work, such as the 2020 Safe Yield Recalculation. The collaborative approach allowed the team to identify questions, confirm assumptions, and provide clear input for the final report.

Timeline of Key Steps:

- September 18 – Peer review presentation to the Advisory Committee
- September 25 – Final peer review report presented to the Watermaster Board
- October 23 – Draft 2025 SYR distributed to parties for review
- Late October – Workshop held with stakeholders to review draft report
- November 26 – Deadline for comments on the draft report
- December 18 – Final 2025 SYR published

Next anticipated meeting date: September 25, 2025

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT - LIAISON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Meeting Date: August 13, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-17, adopting a Ticket and/or Pass Policy – The Board passed on a 5-0 vote a resolution adopting a ticket and pass distribution policy that outlines the legal framework, defines public purposes for distribution, specifies disclosure requirements using FPPC Form 802 with posting on the District's website, and delegates administration to the Fire Chief or designee. CVFD legal counsel provided information on reporting requirements under FPPC regulations for tickets or passes purchased or received by the District. He noted that there is no dollar threshold for disclosure, and the reporting obligation rests with the agency, not the individual official.

Fire Chief's Comments – Chief Williams stated that CVFD personnel had spent time with the Chino Police Department's 911 dispatchers and senior leadership in the dispatch center, working toward the shared goal of decreasing the time it takes for calls to be transferred to the ComCenter.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 10, 2025

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: August 5, 2025 – Special Board Meeting

Vacancy on the Board of Education for Trustee Area 4 - Approved 4-0, with Board Member John Monroe absent, to make a provisional appointment to fill the Board vacancy in Trustee Area 4, vacated by Monroe, in accordance with Education Code 5091 and Board Bylaw 9223. Board President Shaw and Board Member

Cervantes were selected to work with the Superintendent, established August 15, 2025 through August 29, 2025, as the

Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Action Items:

Resolution 2025/2026-12, Opposing Assembly Bill 495 to Defend Parental Rights in Education. Approved 4-0 to adopt Resolution 2025/2026-12, Opposing Assembly Bill 495 to Defend Parental Rights in Education.

Informational Items:

Board policies, administrative regulations, and bylaws of the Board are routinely developed and revised to reflect changes in law, mandates, federal regulations, and/or current practice. The Board received for information various new and revised policies and administrative regulations, including the following:

- **Revision of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5010 Students: Notification** – Revises Administrative Regulation 5010, which placed new reporting duties regarding parent notification on bargaining unit members. Associated Chino Teachers (ACT) filed a complaint with the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) that the reporting requirements violate the Educational Employment Relations Act (EERA). PERB is considering the Board's formal appeal on whether the District made a unilateral change affecting the working conditions of employees without providing ACT the opportunity to bargain over the decision. The revisions to AR 5010 allow school sites to follow their existing notification procedures as outlined in their behavior management matrix and existing policies while PERB makes its final decision.
- **New Administrative Regulation 5131.2 Students: Bullying** – A new regulation created to reflect AB 2291, which mandates districts to adopt procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying. The regulation includes material regarding bullying prevention measures, student instruction, reporting, and corrective action. It adds the definition of bullying and examples of behaviors that may constitute bullying and cyberbullying.
- **Revision of Administrative Regulation 6115 Instruction: Ceremonies and Observances** – Revises AR 6115, which has been challenged by ACT and is pending a final decision by PERB, prohibiting the displaying of flags other than those of the United States and State of California, unless it is a country, state, or United States military flag used for educational purposes within the adopted curriculum. It provides exceptions if certain criteria and processes are met and does not violate District standards and policies already in place. The revision is to align the regulation with existing CVUSD guidelines and policies regarding the use of instructional materials and other classroom displays.
- **Revision of Administrative Regulation 6144 Instruction: Controversial Issues** – Revises AR 6144, which outlines controversial issues that may be discussed in the classroom, to require prior parental notification of LGBTQ+ content, allowing parents to opt out of the content for religious beliefs.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 18, 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 4, 2025

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR CIM & CIW

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

Meeting Date: August 12, 2025

California Institution for Men (CIM)

- CIM reported a current population of 2,243 inmates with a capacity of 2,800. CDCR is planning to close the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco, with some inmates and staff transferring to CIM.
- Cal State LA courses at CIM began in August with a Bachelor's Program in Liberal Studies.
- There was an attack on a correctional cook in facility A, which resulted in an attempted murder investigation.
- CIM 2nd Quarter food sales proceeds were donated to Project Sister, Chino Valley YMCA, and Chino WIC, with each receiving \$2,311.85.

California Institution for Women (CIW)

- CIW reported a population of 1,211 inmates.
- Councilmember Lucio offered to have inmates participate in the utility box art project.
- CIW currently has 25 inmates enrolled in a peer support specialist class, which is beneficial upon reentry.
- The CIW auditorium is undergoing an upgrade, which will significantly improve its usefulness to the population.
- CIW is seeking community donations for their bike program, which repairs broken bikes and donates them back to the community.

Next anticipated meeting date: October 14, 2025

INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY (IEUA) REGIONAL SEWERAGE COMMITTEE

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

Meeting Date: August 7, 2025

Information Items:

A. Chino Basin Program Update (PowerPoint):

The Chino Basin Program (CBP) is a regional effort led by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) to strengthen water supply reliability, improve recycled water use, and meet wastewater compliance requirements. The program combines advanced treatment, storage, and conveyance projects to maximize local resources while also supporting statewide environmental goals. Local benefits include dependable supplies for IEUA ratepayers, protection of recycled water permits, and expanded use of purified water. At the same time, CBP provides ecosystem benefits in Northern California by coordinating “pulse flow” releases to support salmon migration.

Key CBP facilities include an Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF), the Rialto Recycled Water Pipeline, aquifer recharge wells, extraction wells with a 40,000-acre-foot capacity, and a Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) interconnection. These projects will enable up to 15,000 acre-feet of purified water per year to be stored locally, with 300,000 acre-feet dedicated over 25 years for state exchange agreements. Funding of nearly \$48 million has been secured through reserves and federal grants, with long-term cost allocation to be determined through a five-year rate study.

Timeline of Key Milestones:

- Summer 2025 – Award of design-build contracts for AWPF and Rialto pipeline; draft State Public Benefit Contracts prepared
- Fall 2025 – Wastewater change of use permit submittal, coordination with State and Federal agencies on efficiency credits
- Winter 2025/26 – Extraction Facilities design updates and partner decisions
- Winter 2026 – Final State Public Benefit Contracts
- Winter 2026/27 – Environmental finding of consistency
- Fall 2027 – WSIP final funding hearing
- 2027–2031 – Construction of major facilities (AWPF, Rialto pipeline, recharge wells, MWD interconnection, extraction wells)
- 2031–2032 – Facility commissioning and operations begin

B. Capital Capacity Reimbursement Account Overview (PowerPoint):

IEUA is initiating a series of capital calls beginning July 15, 2025, in response to direction from the Regional Sewerage Program’s Technical Advisory and Policy Committees. These calls are tied to wastewater connection fees collected and held by customer agencies. The purpose is to reduce long-term financing costs, ease rate impacts, and provide agencies with predictable planning tools through smaller, distributed requests.

Funds collected will support regional wastewater projects identified in the 2025 Rate Study and the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Major projects include rehabilitation of primary and secondary systems at RP-1, process improvements at RP-4, upgrades at Carbon Canyon Water Recycling Facility, system reliability improvements, and agency-wide electrical and control upgrades. The total budget for these projects is \$89.25 million.

As of March 2025, customer agencies reported \$161.5 million in Capital Capacity Reimbursement Account balances. The first call of \$22.3 million will be proportionally drawn down, leaving approximately \$139.2 million in remaining balances across all agencies. Ontario holds the largest share (35.5%), followed by Fontana (26%), Chino (14%), and CVWD (13%).

Timeline of Key Steps:

- July 15, 2025 – First capital call issued
- July 16, 2025 – Finance Directors meeting
- August 2025 – Internal audit of rate and fee collection procedures
- January 15, 2026 – Second capital call
- July 15, 2026 – Third capital call
- January 15, 2027 – Fourth capital call

C. Eastern Trunk Sewer and Impact on Regional System (PowerPoint):

The Eastern Trunk Sewer (ETS) was built to improve flexibility in the regional wastewater system and reduce the need for major expansions at Regional Plant No. 1 (RP-1) and Regional Plant No. 5 (RP-5). By diverting flows between facilities, the ETS allowed the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) to meet permit requirements, avoid costly simultaneous plant expansions, and support development in Ontario's New Model Colony. It also gave the City of Ontario time to develop permanent solutions for local wastewater needs. The jointly owned pipeline remains the most cost-effective option for both IEUA and Ontario.

The original cooperative agreement, signed in 2003 and amended in 2004, established shared ownership of ETS capacity, with Ontario buying back its share over 20 years. The agreement also required Ontario to shift certain flows to the Western Trunk Sewer. However, IEUA raised concerns that Ontario still has flows in ETS beyond its purchased capacity. This has implications for IEUA's ability to meet permit obligations and ensure available capacity in the regional system.

Before the presentation, an update confirmed that Ontario is now working collaboratively with IEUA to address these issues. Some of the earlier concerns regarding excess flows and system impacts have already been resolved, and both agencies are coordinating on flow monitoring, capacity planning, and system adjustments to ensure long-term compliance and efficiency.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 4, 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: October 16, 2025

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

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 3, 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: August 5, 2025

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved an updated project list for Fiscal Year 2024-25 under the Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) funding program. This update includes six new projects, securing funds for local traffic improvements in the Chino area, specifically highlighting the addition of a new right-turn pocket at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Riverside Terrace.

Next anticipated meeting date: August 19, 2025

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025

The Board approved an Interim Use Permit for the Belegarth Medieval Combat Society. This permit allows the society to host its "Battle for the Ring" live-action event at Prado Regional Park in Chino from January 15–19, 2026.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 9, 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

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 3, 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: August 5, 2025

Discussion Item:

The Inland Empire Brine Line Reserve Funds:

The Council discussed the Inland Empire Brine Line Reserve Funds and recommended setting aside money to keep the system financially stable. The operating reserve will increase to \$2.55 million, equal to 25% of annual operating costs. The replacement and capital reserve will be maintained with a minimum of \$19.9 million and a target of \$48.8 million to fund future system upgrades. Other reserves are already above their targets and will continue earning interest. From the projected \$3.83 million surplus, \$162,000 will be added to the operating reserve to reach its target, with the remaining \$3.67 million directed to the capital reserve.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 2, 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: September 18, 2025

WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: August 26, 2025

Administrative Matters:

Staff Reports – Regular reports were provided, including a Field Operations update with information on meetings regarding the status of vectors at various facilities in the WVMVCD region, such as ponds and recharge basins; a Surveillance report monitoring the population of vectors, especially mosquitoes, and any detected related pathogens, such as West Nile Virus, Dengue, and Zika; and a report on WVMVCD Community Outreach activities and impacts. Information was also provided about efforts by another jurisdiction to regulate the feeding of feral cats, in part due to potential vector issues.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 23, 2025