



CITY OF CHINO

MONTHLY AGENCY REPORTS

JUNE 17, 2025 - Covering meetings from April 1 – April 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

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 6, 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: June 17, 2025

CHINO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Meeting Date: April 15, 2025

On Saturday, April 12, Council Member Chris Flores and staff member Linda Hinojos attended the Empower Physical Therapy and Wellness Ribbon Cutting. Council Member Flores presented the business with a certificate of congratulations. The business is located at 5632 Philadelphia St., Suite 102.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 20, 2025

CHINO BASIN DESALTER AUTHORITY

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

Meeting Date: April 22, 2025

The Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) reported that 399 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 the 1st Amendment to Lease the CDA administration offices located at 3550 E.

Philadelphia Street, Suite 170, in the City of Ontario from Adaya Slover Holdings, LLC. The new lease would begin July 1, 2025, for a duration of five years at a monthly rate of \$2,641.38. The FY 25/26 budget includes sufficient funds.

- Approval of the purchase of two Wemco Model C sludge transfer pumps from Flow-Systems, Inc. for the amount of \$61,983. Authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute the purchase order not to exceed \$70,000. These transfer pumps will be installed at the Chino II Desalter and will replace existing aging infrastructure. The current FY 24/25 budget covers \$60,000, with the remaining \$10,000 will be offset from the CIP budget in the FY 25/26.
- Approval of professional services agreement with Butier Engineering, Inc. for inspection services for the Chino II Desalter and Archibald Pump Station Roof Replacement Project for \$59,136.00. Authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute the purchase order not to exceed \$65,000. The FY 24/25 budget includes sufficient funds.
- Approval of professional services agreement with Cannon Corporation for Chino I Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system programming for \$25,410.00. Authorized the General Manager/CEO to execute the purchase order not to exceed \$340,000. There is no impact on the budget.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 27, 2025

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

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

Meeting Date: April 24, 2025

Business Items

- **2025 Update to the 2022 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations.** A key topic of discussion was the safe yield court-approved reset methodology. The safe yield storage for the Chino Basin went from 700,000 acre-feet to 900,000 acre-feet. Safe yield storage refers to the maximum quantity of water that can be guaranteed during a critical dry period. It ensures that annual withdrawals do not exceed the annual rate of recharge, making the withdrawals within a safe level of extraction. Safe yield storage is the maximum amount of water that can be stored in the Chino Basin. Watermaster Board members unanimously approved the 2025 update to the 2022 Chino Basin Watermaster Rules and Regulations.
- **Selection process of a consultant for peer review of the Chino Valley model results for the 2025 safe yield reevaluation analysis.** The board discussed the importance of this review to ensure accuracy and transparency in the model's evaluation. Three options were presented, with the selection of a consultant from a pre-approved list of qualified bidders. This item was not budgeted, but there is the potential to use under-budgeted funds from the current fiscal year. This will be determined once the cost proposals are received. The selection process was approved by a majority vote (one opposed).

Next anticipated meeting date: May 22, 2025

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT - LIAISON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Meeting Date: April 9, 2025**New Business.**

- **Properties Declared for Weed Abatement** – The Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-02 identifying properties throughout CVFD to be noticed for weed abatement in compliance with Ordinance No. 2022-01. Spring inspections will begin in May, and fall inspections in September. Fire Marshal O'Toole explained the weed abatement noticing and citation process. Passed on a vote of 5-0.
- **FY 2024/25 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments (Amendment #3)** – The Board approved Amendment #3 to the CVFD FY 2024/25 budget, with a net budget increase of \$233,313. Budget adjustments included a routine adjustment to account for City of Chino fire contract payments from the City to CVFD, which were \$518,286 higher than anticipated in the original CVFD budget. Finance Director Shaker reported that the most significant proposed budget adjustment results from higher than budgeted mutual aid response recoveries, increased coverage costs associated with out-of-area reimbursable incident responses, and salary and benefit costs associated with the recently adopted MOUs. Passed on a vote of 5-0.
- **Allocation of Surplus Funds to Reduce Pension Liabilities** – This item proposed the allocation of FY24 budget surplus funds toward reducing the pension liabilities as Budget Amendment #4. Fire Chief Williams recommended that this item be brought back to the Board at a future meeting and asked the Board to consider setting aside the surplus funds in a separate Facility Fund to provide the District with flexibility in case of unexpected cost increases related to the construction of Fire Station 68. Finance Director Shaker reviewed the terms of the previously adopted Chino Valley Fire District 115 Retirement Trust, which stated that up to one-third of annual excess revenues or budget surplus would be brought back to the Board for consideration.

Finance Director Shaker reviewed the budget surplus and identified one-time revenues that could not be applied toward reducing pension liabilities. The District's FY24 ACFR reported annual excess revenues in the General Fund (budget surplus) of \$15,802,824, excluding the 115 Trust. Of this amount, \$7,563,108 is attributable to one-time revenues (\$6,250,000 from the State of California for Station 68 and \$1.3 million of property tax recovery revenues recorded in 2024). Adjusted for these one-time revenues, unrestricted excess revenues for FY24 amounted to \$8,239,716. In accordance with the surplus policy, the one-third (1/3rd) calculation would generate \$2,746,572 in additional pension funding this fiscal year. Staff recommended continuing the prior year's practice of directing the full amount to the Chino Valley Fire District 115 Retirement Trust. The proposed amendment would authorize funding this amount from Unassigned Fund Balance as Budget Amendment # 4.

The Board of Directors agreed with the staff's recommendation to defer action on this item to a future Board meeting, due to the potential for unexpected costs related to Fire Station 68. No action was taken on this item.

- **Second Amendment to Fire Chief Employment Agreement** - The Board approved salary and benefit amendments to the Fire Chief's Employment Agreement, which include an increase to the Fire Chief's base salary of 1.25% on July 1, 2025, and an additional 1.25% on July 1, 2026. Passed on a vote of 5-0.

Board and Fire Chief Comments

Fire Chief Williams reported on the following:

- On March 18, 2025, CVFD had a Quarterly Meeting with the City of Chino.
- On April 1 and 2, Fire Chief Williams provided testimony at the State Capitol in support of Senate Bill 74 (Seyarto). The bill would establish the Infrastructure Gap Fund, which, upon appropriation by the Legislature, provides grants of up to 20 percent of necessary remaining funding to cities and local agencies for critically delayed and vital infrastructure projects, including but not limited to roads, schools, and broadband, throughout California.
- Chino Valley Fire personnel participated in a self-defense and weapons safety training hosted by the Chino Police Department, equipping them with crucial skills to protect themselves and others in high-risk situations.
- On March 24, the Fire District received new Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps for the Chino Valley Fire jurisdiction. Fire Marshal O'Toole provided a presentation related to the maps at the April 1 City of Chino Council meeting.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 14, 2025

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: April 17, 2025

Action - Administration

- **Federal Complaint to the U.S. Department of Education and President Trump's Administration** – The Board approved to direct the Superintendent to file a formal complaint to the U.S. Department of Education and President Trump's administration, citing California's violations of parental rights and student protections, and requesting immediate federal intervention, as amended. The item was approved unanimously, 5-0.
- **Title IX Complaint Against Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Education**- The Board approved directing the Superintendent to file a formal Title IX complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights against Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Education for violating Title IX protections related to student safety, fairness in athletics, and privacy in restrooms and locker rooms. The item was approved unanimously, 5-0.
- **Resolution 2024/2025-63, Supporting Title IX and Fairness in Girls' Interscholastic Sports** – The Board adopted Resolution 2024/2025-63, Supporting Title IX and Fairness in Girls' Interscholastic Sports. The item was approved unanimously, 5-0.

- **Resolution 2024/2025-64, Supporting SB 19, Safe Schools and Places of Worship Act** – The Board adopted Resolution 2024/2025-64, Supporting SB 19 (Rubio), Safe Schools and Places of Worship Act. The item was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Consent – All items approved unanimously, 5-0.

- **Student Attendance Calendars for the 2026/2027, 2027/2028, and 2028/2029 School Years** - Approved the Student Attendance Calendars for the specified school years.
- **New Job Descriptions for the Campus Security Officer I; Campus Senior Security Officer; Patrol Security Officer I; Patrol Security Officer II; and Security Control Monitor; and Revisions to the Job Descriptions for Security Person, and Senior Security Officer** - Approved the new job descriptions for the specified positions.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 1, 2025

CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – MEASURE G OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

Meeting Date: April 30, 2025

Don Lugo High School – New Administration Building, Kitchen, and Pool Renovations - Progress continues at the Don Lugo High School administration building. The building is roofed, and exterior painting, along with landscaping, will get underway at the end of April. Interior office spaces have received all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins, wall panels, door frames, and glazing. Construction has started in the kitchen with demolition complete and rough-in underway. Modernization of the site's aquatic facilities will begin with the gymnasium renovations to follow. The site will receive ADA upgrades in the areas touched by construction.

New Classroom and Administrative Office Furniture - The following elementary school sites received new classroom and administrative office furniture over the winter break: Borba, Glenmeade Marshall, Walnut, and Dickson (Dickson was completed over spring break).

New classroom and administrative office furniture has been ordered for the following school sites and is scheduled to arrive and be set up over summer break: Cortez ES, Dickey ES, Newman ES, Magnolia JHS, Ramona JHS, and Buena Vista HS.

Next anticipated meeting date: September 3, 2025

CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR CIM & CIW

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

Meeting Date: April 8, 2025

- CIM continues constructing a 50-bed Mental Health Facility on the deactivated D Yard. The facility is anticipated to be completed in the fall.

- A Cal State LA campus on site is set to open on May 27. A bachelor's program in liberal studies will be made available to inmates.
- An inmate fundraiser benefiting Special Olympics and Chino Youth Boxing will be held May 15-17.
- CIW is undergoing a comprehensive healthcare audit. Currently, the health care system at the facility has the second highest rating possible.
- There are several upgrades underway to help provide access for inmates with disabilities, including improving walkways.
- The total population is 1,200 inmates.
- Chaffey College will begin a summer session for inmate students, with 55 inmates planning to enroll.
- CIW will join with CIM and Chino PD for the Special Olympics Torch Run on June 6.

Next anticipated meeting date: June 10, 2025

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

Meeting Date: April 3, 2025

Approval of the Proposed Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27 Rates and Fees for the Regional Wastewater Program - The Technical Advisory Committee (technical staff from member agencies) and the Policy Committee (elected officials appointed to the Committee) have not supported the rate increase. This item (Action Item A) did not receive a motion to vote on, and the item was not recommended to the IEUA Board.

The City of Chino Public Works Director Hye Jin Lee identified three main issues raised to the IEUA staff.

1. \$24M property tax fund transfer for preliminary engineering for the Chino Basin Program
2. Nearly \$90M bond issuance /debt service for future rates
3. Investigate the viability of calling for the sewer connection fees agencies have collected to reduce the rates.

IEUA staff stated that they would look into these issues, but did not have sufficient time to incorporate the fiscal analysis.

Despite the opposition from cities, on April 16, 2025, the IEUA Board approved the regional wastewater, recycled water, and water resources program rates and fees.

Below is the summary of the rates.

Types of Rates and Fees	FY 2025/26		FY 2026/27	
	Rates and Fees	Adjustment	Rates and Fees	Adjustment
Monthly Sewer Rate	\$27.02/month	9.0%	\$29.45/month	9.0%
Wastewater Connection Fee	\$8,620	0.0%	\$8,620	0.0%
Recycled Water Fixed Cost	\$5.11 M	3.0%	\$5.26 M	3.0%
Recycled Water Direct Use	\$506.85/AF	9.0%	\$552.47/AF	9%
Recycled Water Recharge	\$208/AF	4.0%	\$216.32/AF	4.0%
One Water Connection Fee	\$1,953	0.0%	\$1,953	0.0%
Meter Equivalent Unit	\$1.17	2.6%	\$1.20	2.6%

Next anticipated meeting date: May 1, 2025

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

No meeting during this reporting period.

However, the League of California Cities City Leaders Summit was held in Sacramento, April 23-25. This event includes the League’s annual days of advocacy in Sacramento.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Burton and Council Member Marc Lucio attended the conference. They were joined by the Chino’s legislative advocate in Sacramento, Jason Gonsalves. During their trip to the Capitol, the Council Members met with Assembly Member Michelle Rodriguez to discuss several City-related issues. They also met with Jason Rhine, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, and Brady Guertin, Legislative Advocate for Housing, Community Development, and Economic Development, to discuss key bills regarding local control over housing and land use.

Council Member Karen Comstock, who is on the League’s Board of Directors, attended the conference as well and participated in the board meeting.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 29, 2025

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

The Omnitrans Board of Directors received an update on OmniTrans participation in SBCTA's ONT Connector Project. The board was reminded that SBCTA and OmniTrans are working on an MOU to outline the operational and maintenance responsibilities OmniTrans is expected to take on after the project is completed. A memorandum of understanding identifying each agency's responsibility is still in the works.

The Board also received a report on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Parameters, which will be used to produce the upcoming fiscal year budget. Some key notes included an estimated return to 100% of planned service levels as the agency recovers from the impacts of the pandemic. Additionally, an increase in expenditures was influenced by salaries, benefits, insurance, and energy price increases. Staff estimates that next fiscal year's budget will be just under \$142M with \$118M in operational costs and almost \$24M in capital costs.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 7, 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: April 8, 2025

The Board approved an agreement with Jones Lang LaSalle Brokerage, Inc. This agreement extends their role in assisting the County to negotiate and secure potential ground leases on approximately 307 acres of land at Chino Airport.

Meeting Date: April 29, 2025

The Board of Supervisors voted to extend the El Prado Golf Course lease from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2046, and to take the following actions:

- Update language regarding maintenance and repairs
- Adjust the fee schedule to set a minimum monthly fee of \$11,000, increasing by 4% annually starting the second year, for the 314 acres at Prado Regional Park used for a 36-hole golf course at 6555 Pine Avenue in Chino

Next anticipated meeting date: May 6, 2025

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK FORCE
Council Representative: Christopher Flores | Staff Report by: Xochitl Huerta

Meeting Date: April 30, 2025

The April SWAT meeting covered a variety of legislative updates, primarily focusing on organic waste and food recovery bills. Key legislation discussed included AB 337, AB 411, AB 436, AB 1046, and SB 279:

- AB 337 focuses on enhancing the diversion of organic waste, particularly by improving food recovery efforts. The bill aims to reduce waste sent to landfills and improve access to nutritious food by requiring local jurisdictions to implement food recovery programs.
- AB 411 changes current rules to allow parts of livestock carcasses, such as those from animals that die naturally or are processed on farms, to be composted. This was previously not allowed, but the bill permits it if certain conditions are followed.
- AB 436 introduces a state planning guide for organic waste diversion. It provides local governments with a framework for developing and implementing effective diversion plans to meet state requirements. The impact of AB 436 will primarily be on the planning departments of local cities and counties, but it is driven by the state-level requirements. Local governments are the primary implementers of waste diversion strategies. The bill would provide them with the framework for creating and executing plans to meet those state requirements
- AB 1046 expands the edible food recovery program by mandating large food generators (like supermarkets, restaurants, and food distributors) to partner with food recovery organizations to ensure surplus food is redistributed to those in need, rather than wasted.
- SB 279 regulates organic waste management by establishing stricter compliance and reporting requirements for organic waste diversion. The bill ensures that local governments are tracking their progress and meeting state diversion goals, with enforcement mechanisms in place to ensure adherence.

The Board invited a CalRecycle representative to give a presentation on SB 1383 compliance evaluations. The presentation covered the programs under evaluation, the compliance process, field visits, the findings report, the enforcement timeline, and strategies for ensuring full compliance. It was noted that all jurisdictions will be evaluated at some point, with these evaluations occurring at least once every four years thereafter.

The City of Chino is one of 61 jurisdictions being evaluated on SB 1383, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) programs by the Jurisdiction Agency Compliance Enforcement Taskforce (JACE).

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: April 2, 2025

SCAQMD Proposed Rules 1111 & 1121 - The Board received an updated presentation from the Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) on revised language for amending Rules 1111 and 1121. These rules address gas-fired residential furnaces and water heaters. The proposed amended rules no longer require new or replacement units to be electric but impose target exceedance fines and fees on manufacturers for gas units that continue to be sold, which would fund incentives for customers who choose to convert to electric.

The spokesperson for SCAQMD asked that, given the updated language, the SBCTA retrack their previous letter of non-support. The SBCTA Board did not motion for the letter of non-support to be rescinded, keeping it in place. As rationale for maintaining their stance of non-support for the rule changes, board members explained that policies like these directly conflict with affordable housing mandates.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 7, 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, 2025**SANTA ANA WATERSHED ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

No current items to report.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 6, 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: May 7, 2025

WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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

Meeting Date: April 22, 2025

Administrative Matters

The Board received numerous routine reports, including Field Operations, Vector Disease and Surveillance, and IT/Community Outreach Activities. There were no items of note.

Next anticipated meeting date: May 27, 2025