



CITY OF CHINO

MONTHLY AGENCY REPORTS

JANUARY 21, 2025 - Covering meetings from November 1 through November 30

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: December 17, 2024

CHINO VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

- On Thursday, November 7, Council Member Christopher Flores and Ellyse Martinez attended the Visionworks Ribbon Cutting. While there, they spoke with staff about the business. Council Member Flores presented staff with a certificate of congratulations and welcomed them to the City of Chino. Visionworks is located at 3935 Grand Ave, Suite C2.
- On Saturday, November 9, Council Member Christopher Flores attended the Kid's Entrepreneur Fair at the Shoppes in Chino Hills. During this event, young entrepreneurs in the Chino Valley present business ideas to a panel of judges for prizes. This event aims to encourage young entrepreneurs to continue their goals and offers support from business owners in the community.
- On Monday, November 18, Council Member Christopher Flores attended the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce Monthly Board Meeting.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 16, 2024

CHINO BASIN DESALTER AUTHORITY

Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report By: Pete Vicario

Meeting Date: November 19, 2024

Water Deliveries - For the month of October, water deliveries from the Chino Basin Desalter Authority (CDA) totaled 466 acre-feet (AF). As of today, the total water deliveries amount to 1,816 AF.

Grant Update - The CDA has been awarded a \$350,000 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Program. This funding will support the implementation of a new water softening system at the Chino I Ion Exchange Facility, replacing the existing conventional water softener, which has reached the end of its useful life.

The new system, provided by Water Conservation Services, Inc., will be a high-efficiency, skid-mounted Water-CTI model, designed to produce 450 gallons per minute (GPM) of softened water. Water softening is a crucial step in water treatment, as it removes calcium and magnesium minerals from the water before it enters the treatment process.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 17, 2024

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report By: Benjamin Orosco

Meeting Date: November 21, 2024

Consent Calendar - All items were approved on a vote of 9-0-0

1. Application: Local Storage Agreement – Consideration of application for Local Storage Agreements – Storage of Excess Carryover and Local Supplemental water by members of the Appropriative Pool in amounts to be determined as of the close of Fiscal Year 2023/24. The storage application submitted for consideration was for the Excess Carryover and Local Supplemental storage accounts of Appropriative Pool members whose balances increased since the last approved 2023/24 Assessment Package
2. 2023/24 Annual Report of Ground-Level Monitoring - The Watermaster is required to file an annual Ground-Level Monitoring report with the Court. The Ground-Level Monitoring Committee drafted and reviewed the 2023/24 Annual Report.
3. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Finding of Substantial Compliance with the Recharge Master Plan – Watermaster must provide an annual Finding of Substantial Compliance with the Recharge Master Plan per Section 8.3 of the Peace II Agreement. This requirement exists to ameliorate any long-term risk attributable to reliance upon un-replenished groundwater production by the Desalters. It is a condition for the annual availability of any portion of the 400,000 acre-feet set of controlled overdraft (Re-Operation) provided by the Court in the Peace Agreement. The analysis performed by West Yost finds that current projections indicate that Watermaster has sufficient recharge capacity to meet the future replenishment obligations based on the knowledge of the basin’s conditions in FY 2023-24 and future water management projections provided by the Watermaster stakeholders.

New Business Items

No items impacting the City of Chino.

Reports/Updates

Watermaster Legal Counsel

1. Court of Appeal Consolidated Cases No. E080457 and E082127 (City of Ontario appeal re: Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages). The City of Ontario is challenging Watermasters assessment of Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages. The court noted a question of invoices that needed to be provided to the Appropriative Pool and the Appropriative Pool was to meet and confer on the invoices. A decision is anticipated at the next court date, which is December 13, 2024.
2. Court of Appeal Case No. E080533 (Cities of Chino, Ontario appeal re: Fiscal Year 2022-23 Watermaster

budget expenses to support CEQA analysis). Chino and Ontario challenged the Watermaster’s budget expenses and requested oral arguments against the tentative ruling that would uphold the ruling by Judge Ochoa, which denied the challenge. The ruling was upheld and affirmed in full on November 12, 2024, for Chino Basin Watermaster and IEUA thereby denying Chino and Ontario's request.

Next anticipated meeting date: January 23, 2025

CHINO VALLEY INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICT Liaison to Board of Directors
Council Representative: Karen Comstock | Staff Report By: Linda Reich

Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

Consent Calendar - Routine items on the Consent Calendar were approved by a 4-0-1 voice vote, with Director DeMonaco absent. The CVFD Monthly Report for October 2024, which includes data on Incident Responses and Community Risk Reduction activities and revenue, was provided.

New Business

1. Creation of Accounting Manager Position – Approved the creation of a new Accounting Manager position and adopted Resolution No. 2024-19, approving the classification and compensation for the position, with a monthly salary range of \$10,704.70 - \$13,011.63 and an estimated fully-burdened fiscal impact of \$190,000. (4-0-1 voice vote)
2. Addition of One Shift Battalion Position – Approved the hiring and implementation of a second Shift Battalion Chief (BC) position. Per the staff report, “The expenses associated with the hiring and implementation of the second Battalion Chief will be incurred out of the 24-25 Budget. The estimated fiscal impact for the remainder of the fiscal year 24-25 is \$127,000. Staff’s recommendation is to include the costs of the second BC as part of the mid-year budget amendment, which will be presented to the Board in March/April 2025.” (4-0-1 voice vote)
3. State and Federal Legislative Advocacy Services – Approved agreements with Braude & Associates for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services and Rojas Public Affairs for State Legislative Advocacy Services, each for an amount of \$3,500 per month. (4-0-1 voice vote)
4. Board of Directors Selection of Officers – The Board elected Ramos-Evinger as President and Kreeger as Vice President effective December 1, 2024. (4-0-1 voice vote)

Next anticipated meeting date: December 11, 2024

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

Meeting Date: November 7, 2024, Special Board Meeting

Consent Calendar – The Consent Calendar was approved on a 5-0 vote. It included the following item:

Revision of Board Bylaw 9323 - Meeting Conduct – Per the staff report, the policy was proposed to be revised in response to an Associated Chino Teachers’ October 21, 2024, letter to the District alleging a Brown Act violation by the Board. The revision changes the policy to provide a single public comment period for items on the agenda and items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board but not on the agenda, with the public

comment period capped at 60 minutes. A member of the public spoke about the proposed revision, asking that the Board’s consideration of the item be postponed to a regular meeting.

Meeting Date: November 21, 2024

This was the last meeting of outgoing Board Member Don Bridge.

The Board took the following actions:

Action

Purchase of Property - Approved 5-0 the purchase of APN 1019-441-10-0-000, a 22,868 square foot warehouse property on Danito Ct. in Chino behind the new District administrative offices on Yorba Ave for \$8,000,000.

Consent Calendar – Approved 5-0. It included the following items:

Revision of Board Bylaw 9010—Public Statements - Approved the revision of Board Bylaw 9010 to correspond with California School Boards Association (CSBA) recommended language.

Revision of Board Bylaw 9012—Board Member Electronic Communications - Approved the revision of Board Bylaw 9012 to correspond with CSBA recommended language.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 19, 2024

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: January 29, 2025

CITIZEN’S COMMITTEE FOR CIM & CIW
Council Representative: Marc Lucio | Staff Report By: Aaron Kelliher

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 10, 2024

INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report by: Benjamin Orosco

Meeting Date: November 20, 2024

Consent Calendar – All items were approved on a vote of 5-0-0

There were no items impacting the City of Chino.

New Business Items

There were no items impacting the City of Chino.

Reports/Updates

Delta Conveyance Project Update by Karla Nemeth, Department of Water Resources Director

The California Delta Conveyance Project is a large-scale water infrastructure proposal to modernize the state's water delivery system, mainly focusing on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This region is a critical part of California's water system, serving as a hub for water deliveries to major urban areas, agricultural regions, and ecosystems across the state. By modernizing the infrastructure that delivers water from the Delta, Southern California could face fewer disruptions, improved water quality, and enhanced long-term water security. Project status:

- The majority of significant permits for the project have been approved or are in the process of approval.
- The project, originally estimated to cost \$16 billion, is now projected to cost \$20 billion.
- It is estimated to be completed in approximately 20 years.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 18, 2024

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES – Inland Empire Division
Council Representative: Curtis Burton | Staff Report by: Jackie Melendez

Meeting Date: November 22, 2024

Council Member Curtis Burton, Assistant City Manager Jackie Melendez, and Deputy City Manager Vivian Castro attended the meeting at the Highland Police Station. The members, representing numerous Inland Empire cities, discussed several items regarding the League Conference and the Inland Empire Division.

1. Lack of Quorum at Annual Conference – In response to the problem of not having a quorum for the Resolutions Committee at the October annual conference, it was recommended that voting be scheduled for earlier in the conference (instead of the morning of the last day of the conference) and that check-in be done when voting to help ensure a quorum is present.
2. City Manager Conference – The City Manager conference is scheduled in Rancho Mirage from February 5 – 7, 2025.
3. Annual Luncheon – This year, instead of the annual holiday luncheon, a League of California Cities Inland Empire Division Welcome Reception 2025 will be held on January 16 at Flemings. Invitations will be emailed.
4. New Mayors and Council Members' Academy – Two academies, one in Sacramento and the other in Southern California, will be scheduled. Members will receive emails with dates.
5. League Public Affairs – Christine Guerrero is the new League Public Affairs Director. She was the prior regional representative for the Los Angeles Division.

Next anticipated meeting date: January 2024, date TBD

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

Meeting Date: November 6, 2024

Draft Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan (LRMTP) - The Board received an update on the LRMTP, which included proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes throughout San Bernardino County. Two proposed routes would serve the Chino area. The Euclid Avenue and Edison Avenue corridors have both been identified as potential future routes. BRT routes are express routes with fewer stops, with buses every 15 minutes. Chino would have to commit to providing a mechanism for the buses to stay on schedule. Chino would likely meet this obligation through traffic signal technology, which allows buses to make minor signal timing adjustments whenever a bus is off schedule.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 4, 2024

**ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (OIAA) INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATIVE
(ROUNDTABLE)**

Council Representative: Curtis Burton | 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: November 5, 2024

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors meeting on November 5, 2024, saw the unanimous approval (5-0 vote) of several items related to land use and infrastructure projects in the Chino and Montclair areas. First, the Board approved an amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Chino, extending plan check, inspection, and permit issuance services to a newly annexed 57.6-acre area. This amendment maintains the existing service period through January 8, 2029.

The Board also addressed the Pipeline Avenue and Other Roads Project. They approved two addendums to the project's bid documents, awarded Calmex Engineering, Inc. a construction contract for \$6,177,899.11, and authorized a contingency fund of \$617,789. The Director of Public Works was authorized to manage the contingency fund, approve expenditures for verified quantity overruns, and order necessary changes or additions to the work up to a limit of \$210,000. Finally, the Board approved using up to \$450,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program to cover eligible project costs.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 17, 2024

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Council Representative: Karen Comstock | 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: November 6, 2024

SR-60 Central Avenue Interchange Project – The Board approved Amendment #5 to the Cooperative Agreement between SBCTA and the City of Chino for the SR-60 Central Avenue Interchange Project. The amendment approved increased funding (\$759,593 total) from SBCTA (\$354,152) and Chino (\$405,441) and also includes a savings of \$100,000 in project management costs. Additional funding is needed to support cost increases for the “4-year Establish Existing Planting” line item, which both agencies have previously agreed to.

SBCOG Work Plan Policy – The Board also approved an SBCOG Work Plan Policy and an amendment to the Bylaws, which updated the Member Agency Dues Collection, revised the SBCOG Bylaws, and updated the 5-year Work Plan. New member agency dues will be based in part on a formula that includes member agency population and assessed valuation together with added assessments previously adopted, some of which include Consumer Price Index escalations. The updated Bylaws include language that addresses member agency separation from and re-entry to the COG. Additionally, an updated 5-year work plan to identify and prioritize plans and projects to be undertaken by SBCOG.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Permit – The Board received a presentation from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works on the stormwater permit process the State of California is proposing and the potential significant impacts this process will have on the region. The State has prepared an updated draft permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). Among the changes proposed in the MS4 Permit are new stormwater quality limits requiring the development of a Watershed Management Plan, increased inspections of industrial and food and drink permit holders, new requirements for trash capture devices for stormwater, and an increased likelihood that new developments would require a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). All items above are expected to be costly to implement. The County commissioned a cost impact analysis, which was presented to the Board. The analysis developed a cost estimate for the county region, estimated to be nearly \$11 billion over 20 years in capital and operation and maintenance costs. Chino’s share of the 20-year costs was estimated to be just over \$500 million, or about 5%.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 4, 2024

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: Chris Flores | Staff Report by: Benjamin Orosco

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: March 11, 2025

WATER FACILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Representative: Eunice Ulloa | Staff Report by: Benjamin Orosco

Meeting Date: November 21, 2024

Consent Calendar – All items were approved on a vote of 5-0-0.

There were no items impacting the City of Chino.

General Manager's Report

Water Quality Taste & Odor – Algae growth within reaches of the California Aqueduct upstream of and within Silverwood Lake continues to be present, creating the presence of musty taste and odor in the water supply. While these aesthetic properties have been impacted, water quality standards continue to be met, if not exceeded.

2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) – Ten water agencies in the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) region are collaborating to potentially retain one professional services firm to prepare the UWMPs for each agency. In addition to fostering regional collaboration, the group hopes to obtain a volume discount by retaining the same consultant to prepare all 10 UWMPs. All 5 Water Facilities Authority (WFA) member agencies, individually, are part of this effort and the WFA itself. The UWMP is a once-every-five-year compliance document required by the California Water Code, with one of its purposes being to ensure water agencies have enough water supply to meet existing and future water supply needs.

Next anticipated meeting date: January 16, 2025

WEST END ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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

Meeting Date: November 7, 2024

The West End Animal Services Agency Board of Directors convened for a regular meeting on November 7, 2024, preceded by a closed session to discuss labor negotiations and the appointment of an Executive Director. The Board then unanimously approved the consent calendar, which included the minutes from previous meetings and an amendment to the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code.

The Board also took action on several key administrative items. They unanimously adopted a resolution adding Board Policies/Bylaws to the Agency's Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual, after addressing concerns raised by a member of the public. Further, the Board directed staff to begin the process of establishing a non-profit organization to support the Agency's mission, selecting a specific option for its structure. Finally, the Board authorized the Interim Administrator to execute a five-year agreement with San Bernardino County for radio services, with a budget not to exceed \$100,000.

Next anticipated meeting date: November 19, 2024

WEST VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
Council Representative: Chris Flores | Staff Report by: Vivian Castro

No meeting during this reporting period.

Next anticipated meeting date: December 10, 2024