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Project Title: Inland Empire Utilities Agency Chino Basin Program (CBP)

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 City: Chino Zip: 91708 County: San Bernardino

Project Location: County: San Bernardino, Riverside City/Nearest Community: Chino Basin
 Cross Streets: center of Basin is located near intersection of Haven Avenue and Mission Blvd. Zip Code: N/A
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 02 ' 16.94" N / 117 ° 34 ' 33.43" W Total Acres: > 50 acres
 Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A Section: N/A Twp.: 1S Range: 3W Base: SBBM
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 60 Waterways: Upper Santa Ana River Watershed, Chino Creek
 Airports: Ontario, Chino, Cable Railways: BNSF / Union Pacific Schools: See Page 2

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Water Facilities

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type AWPF MGD 13.39
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

All types (Residential, Commercial, Open Space, Public Facilities, Industrial)

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

See attached page 2.

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Schools

Chino Valley Unified School District
Fontana Unified School District
Upland Unified School District
Chaffey Joint Union High School District
Mountain View School District
Ontario-Montclair School District
Central School District
Cucamonga School District
Rialto Unified School District
Pomona Unified School District
Corona-Norco Unified School District
Jurupa Unified Schools District

Project Description

The Chino Basin Program (CBP) was submitted for Proposition 1 – Water Storage Investment Program funding and was awarded \$269M in conditional funding as of August 2025. Under the WSIP, the CBP is proposed to be a conjunctive use project that proposes to use advanced water purification to treat and store up to 15,000 acre-feet-per-year (AFY) of “new” water supply for a period of 25-years to provide for the State exchange, to be used in blocks of up to 50,000 AFY in hydrologically drier years when pulse flows in the Feather River would provide the most ecosystem benefit and other State Water Project (SWP) operations would not be affected. The exchange would be administered through agreements with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), MWD, and other project partners.

During the first 25 years of the Project life cycle (while the Proposition 1 WSIP water exchange commitment is fulfilled) locally produced CBP water supplies will directly replace a portion of imported supplies when an SWP water transfer is implemented by MWD and DWR and a pulse flow occurs in Northern California. After fulfillment of the Proposition 1 WSIP exchange commitment, the facilities developed under the CBP by IEUA would continue to be operationally viable as part of the overall project life cycle, and during this period the new water supply will be available for local use annually contributing to IEUA’s available supply.

The CBP would increase additional available groundwater supplies in the adjudicated Chino Basin through increased water recycling that would result from operation of a new AWPf and through groundwater storage by operation of new injection wells. The CBP would thereby enable IEUA to exchange a commensurate amount of this “new” water locally generated by the proposed facilities to be used locally in order to enable State Water Project water to remain in Lake Oroville in Northern California that would otherwise be delivered to Southern California. The additional Lake Oroville water would subsequently be released in the form of pulse flows in the Feather River to improve habitat conditions for native salmonids and achieve environmental benefits.

The CBP’s proposed AWPf, new injection and extraction facilities, conveyance facilities, and water system interconnections will allow more optimal management of local water supplies, including meeting water quality requirements for the continued use of recycled water within the Chino Basin, improved storage and recovery operations, as well as redundancies in water delivery infrastructure that will facilitate future rehabilitation and replacement of existing infrastructure.

Furthermore, the data contained in the CBP RDPEIR is augmented by the analysis contained in the *Final Pulse Flows Component of the Water Storage Investment Program Groundwater Projects Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (2024 DWR Pulse Flow FSEIR; SCH No. 2022080216)* dated July 2024 prepared for the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and prepared by ICF/ESA. This SEIR

was circulated from February 16, 2024 to April 1, 2024, and the final document including responses to comments was completed in July 2024. The Pulse Flows Component is defined by the following DWR actions: (1) Release of the pulse flows from Lake Oroville into the Low Flow Channel of the Feather River, with the goal of improving habitat conditions for listed salmonids, as well as improving spawning and migration conditions for other listed and non-listed native fish species. (2) Implementation of the WSIP Operational Exchange Process that develops water used for pulse flow releases. (3) Diversion and conveyance of water to Kern Fan and Willow Springs that would be stored, in part, for ecosystem benefit. Implementation of the Pulse Flows Component would not require construction of any new facilities in addition to those previously analyzed in the three WSIP Groundwater Projects' EIRs (including the 2022 CBP FPEIR and now the RDPEIR). Existing facilities would be used, with operations modified to support the pulse flow releases. The Pulse Flows Component study area analyzed in the FSEIR extends approximately 575 miles from Lake Oroville in Northern California to the WSIP Groundwater Projects in the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California. The 2024 DWR Pulse Flow FSEIR is presented as Subchapter 8.3 to the RDPEIR, and the information and analysis contained therein is incorporated by reference as part of the RDPEIR.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 21, 2026 Ending Date June 5, 2026

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