The City of Chula Vista is located in southern San Diego County and is the second most-populous city in the region. Chula Vista is bordered by the City of National City, the City of San Diego, and the unincorporated community of Bonita to the north; unincorporated San Diego County territory to the east; the City of San Diego to the south; and submerged lands of the Cities of Coronado, National City, and San Diego to the west under the San Diego Bay.

As of 2014, the City of Chula Vista has an estimated population of 256,139, which is projected to increase to 330,381 by 2050 (SANDAG Regional Growth Forecast, 2010).

Chula Vista is governed by a five-member City Council consisting of a directly-elected Mayor and four Councilmembers elected by district.

The adopted Sphere of Influence for Chula Vista is larger than the City’s boundaries and includes the unincorporated community of Bonita to the north; the Upper and Lower Otay Reservoirs to the east; and a special study area covering an unincorporated island that contains the Otay landfill.

The City of Chula Vista provides fire protection, police, and wastewater services city-wide.

The Otay Water District provides water service to the eastern side of Chula Vista; the South Bay Irrigation District (Sweetwater Authority) and the private Cal American Water Company provide water services to the western side of the City. Trash hauling and disposal service is provided by contract with Allied Waste Services.