

DA: November 17, 2023

TO: ADC Board of Directors, & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 11/13/23 – 11/17/2023

## End of Week Debrief

- Response to State Auditor regarding ADC Audit was sent 11/16/23.
  - 28 Recommendations for staff: 23 implemented, 5 are no longer valid.
  - 5 Recommendations for ADC Board: All 5 were implemented.
  - Staff & ADC Board Members are all committed to constant improvement moving forward.
- The Accounting Department has moved to a new room next door to the building to make room for the growing, budgeted, funded staff members.
- Met with State Boards & Commissions to retrieve current applications for Big Island & Honolulu, and to be briefed on the process.
- ADC Board Meeting 11/16/23 & Budget Update was shared.
- Toured 2 Oahu farming operations.

## Events/Conferences

- Total EOIs Received: Oahu: 21 (where we have 65 acres remaining); Kauai: 7 (where we are releasing 3,036 acres); Big Island: 5 (where we currently do not have a footprint)

## Upcoming Events

- November
  - 11/23: Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!
- Strategic Initiatives:
  - Audit Report Response: **Target Met. Report sent 11/16/23, cc'd ADC Board**
  - Annual Report: **Target: 12/1/23**
  - Budget: **Due: 12/24/23 to Leg**
  - Risk Management: **Ongoing**

## Legislative Update

- Senate: Emailed 100% of Senate & have met 16/25 f2f meetings
- House: Emailed 100% of House & have met 24/51 f2f meetings

## Strategic Planning

- Staff & I are working with key stakeholders regarding the impacts of the recent budget cuts, and strategic next steps.
- Board Member Tabata is attending and providing information on how ADC can support the Kauai Water Convening. The informal group is engaging with island-wide stakeholders in gathering

information regarding water systems. The long-term goal is to create a strategic plan and budget for sustaining the water infrastructure island wide.

- Continuing Due Diligence with staff regarding a potential acquisition of a Kauai Reservoir
- Collecting information and working with staff to gather information for the Strategic Plan
- Conducting Due Diligence for Potential Feasibility Studies for the Future
- Refining Supplemental Budget Requests

## **Key Project Updates**

- \$10MM FY24 Food & Product Innovation Network (FPIN), funding reduced to \$500k.
- \$2MM FY24 Complete plans for the Wahiawa Wastewater Pipeline, funding reduced to a portion of \$500k.
- \$3MM FY24 Purchase property TMK (1)6-5-2-27, funding reduced to portion of \$500k.
- \$1.1MM CIP FY24 AAHOAKA reservoir improvements. DAGS running project, received funds.
- Reservoir 155 & 225 improvements- \$6.7MM ADC Requested funds for HDOA to complete the improvements to the two reservoirs in Kunia, Oahu- funding released.
- \$5.65MM Central Oahu Food Hub- ADC requested to complete the project, funding reduced to \$500k.
- \$4MM Purchase of Wells #24, #25, & #26, delay in closing, possibly to end of year.
- \$4MM CIP FY25 Slaughterhouse design & construction, currently working with DLNR on site selection.
- Yardi Software- 90% complete, 3/30/24 eta 100% complete
- \$770k Wahiawa Irrigation System consultant started on Due Diligence, and currently preparing supplement to contract for complete scope.