

DA: 1.8.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 1/8/24 - 1/12/2024

End of Week Debrief

- Governor released the \$500k Food & Product Innovation Network funding.
 - Drafting MOA with UH CDC
- Attended WAM Kauai visit 1/11/24.
- 1/23/24 Property Manager Start Date
- 1/22/24 Water System Worker Start Date
- FYI - Still waiting funds for the Contract administrator position- pending movement from B&F to Governor
- Successful DBEDT presentation by Deputy Director Wicker of ADC Strategy & Requests to House Finance
 - ADC provided testimony regarding Potential Unbudgeted Land Acquisitions in FY25 Budget to preserve access to water for licensees.
 - ADC provided testimony regarding support for Maui
- Refining RFP to be released for HPP Machine & Building Project
- Continuing research for development of ADC Strategic Plan.
- Staff conducted site visits to 2 potential slaughterhouse locations on Oahu
- Staff visited the Oahu Feed Mill project which is on schedule

Events/Conferences

- 1/17/24: Legislature Opening Day
- Total EOIs Received: Oahu: 21 (65 acres remain); Kauai: 27 (3,036 acres); Big Island: 7 (0 acres in portfolio at present). ADC Standing Administrative Committee will be meeting in January to begin the review and awarding of licenses.

Upcoming Events:

- Ongoing: Reach out to entire Senate & House via email & phone to request a Meet & Greet
- 01/16/24: Administrative Committee Meeting to Review All Land Applications
- 01/18/24: Opening Day of the Legislative Session; ADC Board Meeting; Cohort Orientation
- 12/20/25: New Strategic Plan

Legislative Update:

- Senate: Emailed 100% of Senate & **only 2 remaining** to meet f2f (FYI there are 8 freshman Senators going into this session)
- House: Emailed 100% of House & **only 10 remaining** to meet f2f (FYI there are 20 freshman Reps going into this session)

Strategic Planning:

- Creating Framework, Goals, Plan of Action, Benchmarks, & Deliverables to double Hawaii's local food production by 2030 and grow Hawaii's ag exports.
- Creating Strategic Next Steps based on budget cuts.
- Board Member Tabata is attending and providing information on how ADC can support the Kauai Water Convening who is currently gathering information regarding the water systems.
- Actively participating in the Hawaii Drought Council meetings hosted by Chair Chang & Chair Hurd
- Collecting strategic information for the Kauai Water System, Location for Oahu Slaughterhouse, EOI follow up discussions.

Portfolio (35 Current Projects Underway)

- Acquisition of Wahiawa Dam, Reservoir & Ditch
 - Current Status: Meeting bi-weekly with consultants to continue due diligence.
 - Due Diligence being conducted with HDOA & DNLR
 - ADC Focus: irrigation system data review & planning field work assessments
 - Ken Benchmarks:
 - **FY24/Q4: Complete ditch assessment ON TARGET**
 - FY25/Q4: Complete Phase II
 - FY26/Q4: Complete Acquisition
- Food & Product Innovation Network (FPINs)
 - Current Status: *Waiting for Funds to be encumbered*, meeting monthly with UH Community Design Center (UHCDC) to define the MOA & actively identify possible project locations.
 - Ken Benchmarks:
 - FY24/Q3: \$500k released by the Governor,, UHCDC MOA signed
 - FY24/Q4: Encumber all funds remaining phases & design consultant.
 - FY 25/Q2: Complete designs for portions of network; request funds for construction in 2026
 - FY26/Q2: Pending Funds, contractor selection to construct portions of the network.
- Wahiawa R-1 Wastewater
 - Current Status: *Waiting for Funds to be encumbered (\$1.62MM)*, On hold pending funds; informed consultant to hold off on any additional costs.
 - Ken Benchmarks:
 - FY25/Q2: Complete plans & designs for Phase 2&3, Request Construction Funds
 - FY26/Q4: Construction Completed
- Feed Mill
 - Current Status: 11/16/23 ADC Board Presentation Overview of Project Impact
 - Ken Benchmarks:
 - TBD: May require support from HDOA & DLNR on permitting.
 - FY24/Q4: Assemble Equipment
 - FY25/Q4: Complete full build out
- Whitmore Food Hub

- Infrastructure Development Underway with DAGS
 - 90% complete on design
 - March Eta for RFP
 - May ETA RFP responses due
 - June 30, 2024 Funds encumbered
 - ETA is May 2027 (if no delays permitting in DPP, NPDES, Use & Occupancy, etc)

Land

- Current Status:
 - Total: 22,801 acres (16,663 farmable)
 - 10,999 Licensed
 - 2,483 Licenses in Process
 - **3,181 ALL Vacant Acres released 10/5/23:** 65 Whitmore; 160 Kalepa; 2,950 Kekaha
- Kauai Projects:
 - Engineering for Kekaha Bridge & Interior Road Improvements
 - Planning and design for Kekaha Bridge & Road Improvements
 - Christian Crossing Bridge Improvements
- Oahu Projects:
 - Management:
 - Develop design-build scope of work for agricultural infrastructure improvements.
 - Security Camera Installation
 - Steel security guard container
 - Maintenance:
 - Preparing a site assessment/cleanup in Poamoho
 - Roving security guard patrol

Water

- Kauai Water Projects:
 - Management:
 - Quality Management of O&M Work @ Pacific Missile Range Facility
 - Purchase of hydroelectric turbine, generator, and controls
 - Water Quality Management & Best Management Practices
 - Site Safety Inspection on work crews performing under U.S. Navy Contract
 - Water sampling, testing & discharge monitoring.
 - Professional services relating to the Purchase Power Agreement with Kauai Island Utility
 - Plans & design for Kekaha Ditch Irrigation System Modification
 - Maintenance:
 - Kawaiele Pump Station
 - Applying for field work permits
 - Drainage system maintenance plan
 - Drainage system maintenance/planning
 - Plan & Design for Christian Crossing Bridge Repairs

- Engineering for Christian Crossing Bridge Repairs
- Menehune Ditch Improvements

Value-Add

- Kauai:
 - Identifying opportunities.
- Oahu:
 - Purchase equipment & construct a feed mill.
 - Proof of concept study for Central Oahu Food & Agriculture Hub
- Big Island:
 - Cooperative R&D for papaya research

Administrative Efficiency

- Working to establish the new Quick Books system effectively, beginning with current FY.
- Implementation of Property Management Software System- Intern will work with Lyle to finish adding data and begin sample reports.

PROMOTIONS

- 30TH Anniversary in 1994 Planning
- Events: Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Farm Fair

