

DA: 1.29.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 1/29/24 - 2/05/2024

End of Week Debrief

- Supported the following:
 - SB2824- ADC being put in charge of Maui's South & West water delivery system via GO bonds
 - SB2291- Advisory Boards for Workforce Development
 - HB1815- Adding agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" of ADC
 - HB2000/SB2767- Clarifies aquaculture in NELHA duties
 - SB2422/HB2545- Appropriates funds for CIP include FPINs, infrastructure, paying off Waiahole debt
 - SB2428- Establishes HI Ag Investment program in ADC
 - SB2500- FPINs on Oahu, Molokai & Hawaii Island
 - SB22801- ADC's Looking for slaughterhouse locations statewide
 - SB2805- ADC developing a transition process for farmers
 - SB2814- ADC working with HDOA statewide on a water infrastructure study
 - SB2410/HB2618- DOA Aquaculture park study
 - HB2001/SB2083- Feasibility Study for Restorative Aquaculture
 - HB2263/SB2951- ADC to manage East Kauai Irrigation System
- Welcome Interim appointed Honolulu City & County Board Member Jesse
- GOOD NEWS: Contract administrator position request is moving within B&F, hopefully soon to Governor
- Met with Pentagon to discuss opportunities and qualification of Conservation Easements & other programs
- 1/29: HPP Machine & Building Project Bid Released
- Answering questions for Legislators regarding their bills
- Working with state GIS for interactive Lahaina maps & other mapping of state assets around the state
- MOU with LCC still in LCC Legal
- Attended Hawaii Investment Ready Cohort 6 Module 1 Training with Board Member Okuhama, having homework including:
 - What is the change ADC wishes to see in the world?
 - Why is this change important or needed?
 - What does long-term ADC success look like?
 - How is ADC going to get there? What is ADC going to do to create this change?
 - What is ADC's Theory of Change critical to creating sustained impact?

- Permitted Interaction Groups will be appointed at the next board meeting to work on land, water, & value-added focused on a Social Business Model Canvas one-pager to be recommended to the board as part of the strategic planning process
- Completed DBEDT 2023 Annual Report Sections due 1/29

Events/Conferences

- Total EOIs Received: Oahu: 21 (65 acres remain); Kauai: 27 (3,036 acres); Big Island: 7 (0 ag acres in portfolio at present). ADC Standing Administrative Committee will be meeting again in February to review.
- 7/1: Hawaii Statewide Farm Fair

Upcoming Events:

- **2/8 Ag Day @ the Capitol- 1ST time ADC will host a table**
- Ongoing: Reach out to House via email & phone to request a Meet & Greet
- Respond to Senators, Representatives regarding Bills, Questions and Testimony
- 1/31-2/4 Hawaii Investment Ready (HIR) Cohort 6 Starts for Board Member Okuhama and myself. HIR addresses social and environmental issues accelerating impact and access to capital.
 - HIR Accelerator Program has worked with 65 enterprises and created a \$100M impact
 - 4 f2f meetings, over 10 months will cover Business Modeling, Financial Management, Overview of Financial Instruments, Due Diligence, Marketing, Presentation Development, Culminating in a Presentation/Pitch Deck for ADC
 - Events include 4/10-14; May 8-12; Sept. 11-15 and 10/16-19
 - Organizers will accommodate participants schedules in the journey
 - I'll be taking time off without pay, & have paid for the registration fees personally
- 12/20/25: New Strategic Plan

Legislative Update:

- Senate: **GOAL MET** Emailed 100% of Senate met f2f in office or at a site visit/meeting (FYI there are 8 freshman Senators going into this session)
- House: Emailed 100% of House & **only 6 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, UH CDC MOA being finalized**
 - **FY25/Q2: Encumber 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

