

DA: 2.05.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 2/05/24 - 2/09/2024

End of Week Debrief

- Supported the following:
 - SB2824- ADC being put in charge of Maui's South & West water delivery system via GO bonds (heard)
 - SB2291- Advisory Boards for Workforce Development (heard)
 - HB1815- Adding agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" of ADC
 - HB2000/SB2767- Clarifies aquaculture in NELHA duties (heard)
 - SB2422/HB2545- Appropriates funds for CIP include FPINs, infrastructure, paying off Waiahole debt (heard)
 - 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 (heard)
 - SB2814- ADC working with HDOA statewide on a water infrastructure study (heard)
 - SB2410/HB2618- DOA Aquaculture park study (heard)
 - HB2001/SB2083- Feasibility Study for Restorative Aquaculture (heard)
 - HB2263/SB2951- ADC to manage East Kauai Irrigation System (heard)
 - ADC Tenant and Farmer Jerry Ornellas flew in from Kauai to testify on behalf of ADC taking over the responsibility of maintaining the system
 - ADC Testimony regarding FULL support for the bill our farmers, and fulfilling the Hawaii State Constitution in providing DHHL with allotted water
- Recap of what is presently in the Governor's Budget for ADC:
 - \$9.5M: Statewide Food and Product Innovation Centers
 - \$6.47M: Mauka irrigation on West Kauai for lands in process for leasing
 - \$4.5M Water Irrigation Infrastructure
 - \$500k: Cleanup a parcel on Oahu for tenants to lease
 - \$4M: Oahu Slaughterhouse
 - \$2.5M: Kekaha Bridge, Kauai
 - \$1M: Christian Crossing Bridge
- AMAZING Successful Ag Day at the Capitol with two tables manned by ADC:
 - Showcase of the tropical fruits being grown by Umi's Farm
 - Sampling of Pomai Kulolo- taro originating on ADC Land
 - Maps of the portfolio which generated more Expressions of Interest
 - Visits by Lt. Governor Luke, House Speaker Saiki, Senator Mike Gabbard, Senator Lynn Decoite, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Representative Evslin, Representative Garcia, Chair Watanabe, Director Tokioka, Deputy Director Wicker, ADC Board Members Jesse Cooke and Glenn Hong

- Enthusiastic crowd of 700+ attendees and a very large positive impact for Agribusinesses future
- Last week Mark and I met with Senate CIP Chair Moriwaki
- This week Mark and I met with House CIP Chair Scott Nishimoto
- ADC Board Meeting Packet were sent out
- GOOD NEWS: Contract administrator position request is moving within B&F, hopefully soon to Governor (fingers crossed!)
- Met with Hawaii Investment Ready Cohort 6 members during AG Day at the Capitol
- 1/29: HPP Machine & Building Project Bid Released (will be open for 8 weeks)
- Answering questions for Legislators during testimony
- Working with state GIS for interactive Lahaina maps & other mapping of state assets around the state
- MOU with LCC still in LCC Legal
- Staff Meeting to brainstorm Land Strategic Visioning (HIR Model provided last week)

Events/Conferences

- Total EOIs Received: Oahu: 22 (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:

- Ongoing: Reach out to House via email & phone to request a Meet & Greet
- Respond to Senators, Representatives regarding Bills, Questions and Testimony
- 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 4 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 hosed 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

