

DA: 2.12.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 2/12/24 - 2/16/2024

End of Week Debrief

- WOOHOO!
 - The Governor has released the funds for our Contract Manager position, and we're scheduling interviews with the candidates for week of 2/20.
- 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
- 1/29: HPP Machine & Building Project Bid Released (will be open for 8 weeks). 4 site visits are scheduled for interested bidders to visit the site and ask questions. ETA is to encumber funds on/around 6/1/24
- 2/20: Wells 24 & 26 Repair Bid Released (due 4/26)- funds that need encumbered by 6/30/24.

- Working with state GIS for interactive Lahaina maps & other mapping of state assets around the state
- Attended the LCC Soft Opening Friday & got a tour & see their HPP Machine, meet several entrepreneurs and hear the head of the New Zealand model speak
- MOU with LCC still in LCC Legal
- Staff Meeting to brainstorm Water Strategic Visioning (HIR Model provided last week)

Events/Conferences

- **Total EOIs Received: Oahu: 50 (65 acres remain); Kauai: 46 (3,036 acres); Big Island: 7, Maui: 1**
(Note: no Big Island or Maui 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 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 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

