

DA: 2.20.2024

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**

- Bills that passed First Decking/Crossing over to the House:
  - SB2291- Advisory Boards for Workforce Development (passed WAM 2.23.24)
  - HB1815- Adding agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" of ADC (passed FIN 2.22.23)
  - SB2500- FPINs on Oahu, Molokai & Hawaii Island (passed WAM 2.23.24)
  - SB2814- ADC working with HDOA statewide on a water infrastructure study (referred to WAM)
  - HB2263/SB2951 (passed WAM 2.23.24) ADC to manage East Kauai Irrigation System
- 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
  - FTE: Kauai Property Manager
  - FTE: Kauai Water Manager
- 1/29: HPP Machine & Building Project Bid; Bids due 4/2; Anticipated Contract Date 6/1/24
  - Over 40 questions were asked, & information is being gathered.
  - Due date may be extended in order to fully respond to the questions
- 2/20: Wells 24 & 26 Repair Bid Released (due 4/26)- funds that need encumbered by 6/30/24.
- 3/5 Land Use Planning RFP closed & Expected contract date 3/30/24
- Working with state GIS for interactive state maps
- MOU with LCC still in LCC Legal
- Actively reviewing Contract Administrator candidates
- Met with Corteva regarding ADC's strategic initiatives.
  - Corteva & Hartung are finishing a Kauai trial of buckwheat
  - Trial is promising and they are looking at scaling up
- Met with Jim Wyban regarding Aquaculture history & opportunities.
- Toured Kohana Farms & discussed agriculture and food production industries
- Met with Mary Alice Evans to discuss Strategic Plan milestones & upcoming BOD meeting discussion regarding Strategic Plan
- ADC wrote testimony and testified for the appointment of Dexter Kishida, Deputy Director of Hawaii Department of Agriculture, and Mary Alice Evans, Director of OPSD

- Currently drafting testimony for Jesse Cooke, Honolulu County ADC Board Representative & Ryan Kanaka'ole, First Deputy Director, Board of Land and Natural Resources

### 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).
- Hawaii Investment Ready Cohort 6 Dates:
  - April 10-14, 2024
  - May 8-12, 2024
  - September 11-15, 2024
  - October 16-19, 2024 (Final Pitches)
- 7/1: Hawaii Statewide Farm Fair

### Upcoming Events:

- 3/18/24: Formal Opening of Applications for ADC Lands
- Ongoing: Tracking bills for hearings after the crossover
- 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 2 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, 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**

- 30<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary in 1994 Planning
- Events: Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Farm Fair

