

DA: 3.18.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 3/18/24 - 3/22/2024

End of Week Debrief

- Legislative Update:
 - SB2291- Advisory Boards for Workforce Development- Mark testified in person, moving to FIN
 - HB1815- Adding agritourism in the definition of “enterprise” of ADC- testified, going to WAM
 - SB2500- FPINs on Oahu, Molokai, Hawaii, Maui & Kauai FIN committee next- testified in person, going to FIN
 - SB2814- ADC working with HDOA statewide on a water infrastructure study- moving to FIN.
 - HB2263/SB2951- ADC to manage East Kauai Irrigation System
 - HB2263: testified with Farmer Judy Liu, headed to WAM.
 - SB2951 - testified, headed to FIN.
- HB1800/Budget Bill testified 3/20/2024 (decision making 3/27):
 - IN:
 - \$2.5M: Kekaha Bridge, Kauai
 - \$1M: Christian Crossing Bridge
 - FTE: Kauai Property Manager- full year 😊
 - FTE: Kauai Water Manager- full year 😊
 - 2 vehicles for Kauai staff
 - OUT/Requested amendments to include:
 - \$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
- **\$500k FPIN funds encumbered for UHCDC Work!!!**
- Kick-off Meeting held with Mana Means & Laci/DBEDT, new PR Firm
- Contracts & Quotes Update
 - 4/2: HPP Machine & Building Project Due- anticipated Contract Date 6/1/24
 - 4/26: Wells 24 & 26 Repair Bids Due- funds need encumbered by 6/30/24.
 - 3/30/24: Starting Land Use Planning with awarded contractor.
 - TBD: Releasing an RFQ (21-day bid window) for land license and CAM appraisals for Oahu and Kauai in expectation of awarding new licenses this year for the available parcels
- **3/18/24-4/18/24: Application Window IS Open for remaining lands**
- 3/18: Attended Wahiawa Neighborhood Board Meeting to introduce myself

- Revenue Building
 - Working with Lyle Roe & Kauai SWCD for getting a master Conservation Plan for the Kekaha Lands so when applicants are selected, they can begin farming/earning income, while developing an individual farm plan
 - Working with Lyle & Roger in identifying ROE farmers who have had significant time to get a Conservation Plan/Begin Farming to remove hurdles and begin rent payments.
 - Aggressively working with staff reviewing contracts, agreements, & costs for areas to cut, renegotiate.
- Ongoing: Working with UHDCDC on state mapping for strategic planning
- Actively interviewing Contract Administrator candidates
- Met with BLNR regarding Kauai Landfill
- Met with Kauai Mayor (virtual meet & greet)
- Met with Jim Wyban to discuss the aquaculture industry.
- Met with Kauai Chamber Ag-Subcommittee to give Leg update.

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)
- 7/13-14: Hawaii Statewide Farm Fair

Upcoming Events:

- Ongoing: Tracking bills for hearings after the crossover
- Respond to Senators, Representatives regarding Bills, Questions and Testimony
- 4/18: ADC Board Meeting
- 5/16: ADC Board Meeting
- 7/18: ADC Board Meeting
- 8/15: ADC Board Meeting
- 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:

- Board Member Okuhama turned in our HIR homework Strategic Review

- Strategic Plan Outline expected to be completed by 4/1
- 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.
- Supporting the Permitted Interaction Groups (Land, Distribution Services & Value-Add) feedback and direction given.

Portfolio: Please see attached list of ADC Major Projects