

DA: 5.27.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 5/27/24 - 5/31/2024

### **End of Week Debrief**

- Legislative Session:
  - Comment & Requests: HB2144/Cottage Food Industry, SB3153/Dams, SB2960/Farmers
- HB1800/Budget Bill
  - CIP:
    - \$2.5M: Kekaha Bridge, Kauai
    - \$1M: Christian Crossing Bridge
    - \$2M Kauai Processing Facility
  - Operating TBD- Awaiting worksheets & confirmations:
    - FTE: Kauai Property Manager- full year, (Highlighted by WAM Chair)
    - FTE: Kauai Water Manager- full year, (Highlighted by WAM Chair)
    - 2 vehicles for Kauai staff
    - 3 FTEs for East Kauai Irrigation System
    - \$750k operational budget for East Kauai Irrigation System
    - ½ year for Climate Resilient Food & Product Innovation Network Manager
- Solicitations & Close Dates:
  - 6/4: Ag infrastructure improvements, Oahu
  - 6/4: Waihole Deep Well, Oahu (CIP)
  - 6/7: Waiawa Hydro Plant, Kauai (CIP)
- Traveled to Big Island to visit Hawaiian Host Group, The Four Sens, LLC, Greenwell Coffee Farm, HATCH, NELHA, & Blue Ocean Mariculture
  - Ag worker Housing #1 issue for getting/keeping workers at all companies
  - Nearly all mentioned their focus on quality and keeping the Made In Hawaii a premium brand
  - Shortage of cold storage as a need
  - Processing infrastructure & affordable energy are key to success
- Weekly meeting regarding Defense Infrastructure Grant

### **Events/Conferences**

- 7/13-14: Hawaii Statewide Farm Fair
- Hawaii Investment Ready Cohort 6 Dates:
  - September 11-15, 2024: Hana
  - October 16-19, 2024 (Final Pitches): Oahu

**Upcoming Events:**

- 6/3: Wahiawa Irrigation System
- 6/5: PMRF Projects
- 6/5-6: Kauai, Council Presentation re Wildfire Mitigation, Stakeholder Meetings, WWA
- 6/6: Farm Field day meeting, CIP meeting
- 6/20: ADC BOD on Oahu in person
- 7/18: ADC BOD on Oahu in person
- 8/15: ADC Board on Kauai in person
- 12/20/24: New Strategic Plan Target, by statute due

**Strategic Planning:**

- Land Permitted Interaction Group: Formed, Information Shared, Distribution Services & Value-Add Permitted Interaction Group: Formed, Information Shared, Ongoing Discussion
- Strategic Plan
  - 4/1/24: Outline sent to the ADC BOD- Needing Feedback
  - 5/1-7/31: Stakeholder Engagement Round 1
  - 8/1-10/31: Plan Development & Stakeholder Engagement Round 2
  - 11/1-11/30: Board Review/Edit
  - 12/30: Board Approval

**Projects:** Please see attached GAANT Chart