

DA: 7.01.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 7/01/24 - 7/05/2024

### **End of Week Debrief**

- The Governor's Budget Worksheets were released, and ADC has been given the funding to pursue major initiatives. . .
  - Hiring Staff: Kauai Property Manager, Kauai Water Manager, 3 East Kauai Water Workers, and a Climate-Resilient Food & Product Innovation Network Manager
  - Funding for Concept Development of a forage drying facility
  - Capital Improvements: Ahoaka Reservoir, Christian Crossing Bridge, Kekaha Ditch Bridge Crossing and a Kekaha Post Harvest Processing Center
- Please review the attached Project Tracker showing the Agribusiness Projects across Oahu and Kauai
- The July 2024 Launch of Yardi billing is in the final stages:
  - Phase 1 is the Water Use Agreements,
  - Phase 2 is the Waiahole Irrigation System,
  - Phase 3 is the land agreements.
- Because of the investment in Yardi, The Property Managers (Oahu & Kauai) will have new tools for tracking A/R, A/P, and license details at their fingertips
- The Permitted Information Groups (PIG) are continuing to meet, and gather information for decision making and consensus with the Distribution Services PIG on Kauai on Saturday- showing the dedication of the volunteer BOD who gave time from their weekend and families to invest in ADC's future
- Continuing to Work on Addressing Audit Items including documentation of processes and better internal file management
- Planning Meetings with regards to the Central Oahu Agriculture and Food Hub continue
- Planning Meetings for HPP – see more information in the Project Tracker
- Due diligence meetings regarding the Wahiawa Irrigation System
- Strategic Discussion with users of a small animal slaughterhouse
- Strategic Discussion with Leeward Community College Chancellor regarding needs in Central Oahu
- Working with Skog Rasmussen on the presentation for the Governor's Federal Grant Summit
- Meetings with staff for both short- and long-term budgeting for FY26 based on stakeholder meetings over the past year, and assessments of current assets
  - The Goal is to have a much longer plan for budgeting: creating savings for emergencies, planning asset maintenance, evaluating equipment needs, etc.
- Mark led a great Staff Meeting on Friday
- Met with Strategies 360 to discuss future grant opportunities
- PR Releases Announcing the new Chair & Vice Chair and Board Members was sent out

### **Events/Conferences**

- 7/16: Speaking at Governor's "Investing in Hawaii's Future: 2024 Federal Funds Summit"
- Hawaii Investment Ready Cohort 6 Dates:
  - September 11-15, 2024: Hana
  - October 16-19, 2024 (Final Pitches): Oahu

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 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
  - 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