

DA: 8.05.2024

TO: ADC Board of Directors & AG's Office

FR: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, ADC

RE: Weekly Report for week of 8/05/24 - 8/09/2024

### **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: Aahoaka Reservoir, Christian Crossing Bridge, Kekaha Ditch Bridge Crossing and a Kekaha Post Harvest Processing Center
- ADC BOD UPDATED Committee appointments were as follows:
  - Admin: Chair Tabata, Vice Chair Okuhama, Board Members Hong, Cooke & Watts
  - Technical Advisory: Vice Chair Okuhama, Board Members Okimoto, Hurd, Kanaka'ole, & Wicker
  - Marketing/Communications: Chair Tabata, Board Members Watts, Cooke, & Wicker
  - CIP PIG: Chair Tabata, Board Members Hong, & Seddon
  - Land Lease PIG: Chair Tabata, Vice Chair Okuhama and Board Members Cooke, Okimoto & Trump
- Requested Grant Writing support for the Water SMART Grant
- Submitted first draft of Legislative Priorities to DBEDT today
- 8/15/24 Board Meeting Agenda posted, & staff is actively putting the details
- Toured with Dole, Thomas Heaton & Keith/Photographer the Wahiawa Dam, Reservoir, Spillway and Irrigation System- even witnessed pineapple being planted
- Worked with HIR Coach on future presentation for two mornings
  - Reworking the Priority Listing
- RFP for the Strategic Plan was posted by OPSD
- Met with Hiperbaric & these are links to companies using the technology:
  - [https://youtu.be/P3oLCv3AwCY?si=51G58dt-9IH\\_-7oW](https://youtu.be/P3oLCv3AwCY?si=51G58dt-9IH_-7oW)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3oLCv3AwCY>
- Worked on collection for outstanding A/R for Waiahole Water System
- Sent the Draft CIP plan out to CIP Pig Members
- Celebrated Linda, Mark & Ken's birthdays
- Met with Wahiawa Irrigation System Stakeholders
- Met with HDOE
- Discussions ongoing regarding the Waimea Watershed Agreement
- Met with HCDC regarding next steps on HPP CIP
- Beginning work on A/R for Waiahole Irrigation System

- Leg Priorities draft turned into DBEDT
- Military Partnership:
  - Ongoing Operation & Maintenance of pumps
  - \$19.7M Federal Grant Application decision 9/24
- Developing a better budget moving forward:
  - Mark is working with Waiahole Team on an Operations & Maintenance Plan & Budget
  - Developing CIP budgets for other key assets
  - The Goal is to have a much longer plan for budgeting: creating savings for emergencies, 8/6planning asset maintenance, evaluating equipment needs, etc.—a
  - new process for all of us
- PR Update
  - Shared PR Calendar with Marketing Communications Standing Committee
  - Expect coverage from Civil Beat late week of 8/12 regarding Wahiawa Irrigation System
- Continuing to Work on Addressing Audit Items including documentation of processes and better internal file management
- 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

#### **Events/Conferences**

- 10/4-5: *Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Convention*
- 9/ 11-15, 2024: Hana, Hawaii Investment Ready Cohort 6 Dates
- 10/16-19, 2024 (Final Pitches): Oahu, Hawaii Investment Ready Cohort 6 Dates
- 11/7 & 11/8: Hawaii Ag Summit @ the Convention Center
  - ADC Working Session on Strategic Plan Input from the Ag Industry

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 8/14. Stakeholder Meetings on Kauai
- 8/15: ADC Board on Kauai in person PLEASE plan for a FULL day
- 8/16: Statehood Day
- 9/19: ADC BOD Meeting Virtual

#### **Strategic Planning:**

- Land Permitted Interaction Group: Formed, Information Shared, Distribution Services & Value-Add Permitted Interaction Group: Formed, Information Shared, Ongoing Discussion
- Reviewed MOU for OPSD to post the RFP for additional work on the ADC Strategic Plan
- Strategic Plan
  - 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