

## **Executive Director Weekly Report**

**From:** Wendy Gady, Executive Director, Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC)

**To:** ADC Board of Directors & Attorney General's Office

**Subject:** Weekly Report (April 21 – April 25 , 2025)

### **Executive Summary**

1. This week, ADC progressed on major land acquisitions, finalized elements of grant applications, and continued inter-agency collaboration on infrastructure and irrigation projects. Highlights include the Dole Wells purchase, Wahiawa Irrigation System Memorandum of Agreement with Hawaii Department of Agriculture, strategic planning for encumbering all funds prior to the fiscal year, and strategic planning efforts tied to the statewide ag and food hub infrastructure.
2. Priority Action Items
  - Finalize purchase of Dole Wells – all documents are at title company for process/execution
  - MOA drafted and terms agreed with HDOE for DOE Regional Kitchen – ETA 5/15/25 Board approval of a 35-year license
  - NPDES Public Hearing – scheduled for 5/12 in Kekaha
  - Submit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application – due 5/6 (\$12M)
3. Strategic Projects Progress
  - Infrastructure & Land Acquisition:
    - Dole Wells purchase expected week of 4/21
    - \$39M Land Acquisition on Kauai
    - \$22M Post-harvest facility on Oahu
    - Mililani Technology Park acquisition in progress
    - Food & Ag Processing Facilities:
      - Small Animal Slaughterhouse: refining business plan
      - UH CDC Concept final report due 7/1; budget by 8/1
      - HPP RFP issued
      - Central Oahu food processing subdivision RFP awarded- due to complete 8/1
      - SB1186 passed- moving Food Systems Working Group from HDOA to ADC
  - Irrigation & Water Systems:
    - Wahiawa Reclaimed Water: Phase 2–3 not funded

- Reservoirs 155 & 225 upgrade schedule in progress
- Grant & Budget Updates:
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant – \$12M; due 5/2
  - WaterSMART Grant – decision expected July
  - Big Island Temporary Cold and Dry Storage CDS – LOS due 5/9
  - Central Oahu Water Project CDS due 5/15

#### 4. Staffing & Operations

- CLRFIN: interviews scheduled
- Accountant IV: finalizing hire paperwork
- Accountant V: interviews ongoing
- Waiahole Water Worker out for 7 months; contract support pending

#### 5. Upcoming Deadlines & Events

Date:	Event/Deadline
4/29-5/2	Ken attending University of MD Project Management Summit
5/2	End of Legislative Session
5/12	NPDES Hearing – Kekaha
5/15	ADC Board of Directors Meeting
5/16-26	Wendy Gady OOO
5/17	Target Start Date for Kauai Water Manager & Kauai Property Manager

#### 6. Strategic Planning

##### PIGs Active:

- Solar PIG
- Subsidiary PIG

##### Strategic Plan Draft Timeline:

- 4/1–4/15: Disseminate info by statute
- 5/1–5/15: Draft strategic priorities
- 6/30: Submit draft to ADC BOD
- Q1 FY26: Full rollout

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