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

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Subject: Weekly Report on Strategic Objectives (June 16, 2025 – June 20, 2025)

ADC: 2023 Strategic Goals:

Increase Agricultural Productivity Land Acquisition & Development

Irrigation System Development & Maintenance

Improve Components of the Food System

Current Week Highlights:

Strategic Milestones

- HB774 Relating to Value-Added Products signed
- Resolutions:
 - Act184 Appropriates Funds to ADC for supporting coffee and orchard cop extension and applied research
 - HCR077 & SR157: Requests ADC to designate a Central Oahu Ag Corridor and establish a list of prioritizing potential ag infrastructure improvement projects statewide that would provide3 the most value to the state
 - SCR141: Urging the HDOA & ADC to collaborate on USDA Grants
 - SR073: Requests ADC assume responsibility for the routine maintenance and repair of the Kohala Ditch
- Identified collaboration with North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership and GoFarm for a small ag worker housing need survey and Coop FOI project
- Finalized all signatures on the MOU with UHCDC for Strategic Planning
- Refining PSA for Wahiawa Irrigation System

Areas Requiring Focus

- Rights of Entry:
 - Applicants are procuring insurance coverage for ADC
 - Available lands are being discussed with applicants, clearing starting on Oahu
- Implementing new Project Tracker
 - Assigning task owners, updating steps
- East Kauai Irrigation System:
 - BLNR Agenda estimated 7/25
 - Assembling interview panel for Kauai Water Workers
- Capacity Building:
 - Working on Position Descriptions & Goals for Staff
 - CRFPIN Manager: Working on Onboarding schedule & training
 - Kauai Water Workers: have resumes, establishing interview panel
 - Accountant V: working with HR to finalize written offer details/start date

- Accountant IV: awaiting list of candidates
- 1 worker out due to OTJ injury
- New employees completing onboarding training modules
- Strategic Planning:
 - Develop a timeline of deliverables with UHCDC
- Develop a proactive approach to Fire Mitigation on ADC Lands
 - Outlining key areas with HIEMA

Upcoming Conferences/Events:

- July 12 & 13: Hawaii Farm Bureau Farm Fair, Oahu
- July 12: Kauai Farm Bureau Federation Meeting, Kauai
- July 17: ADC Board Meeting (virtual) & HPP Summit, Oahu
- August 7: Food Systems Policy Summit, Oahu
- August 14: E-Waste Recycling Day, Oahu
- August 17: ADC Board Meeting (potentially in person, Kauai)
- August 26: Hawaii Conference of Planning Officers, Oahu
- September 8: Dam Safety Training, Oahu
- September 10: Artificial Intelligence Conference, Oahu
- September 22-24: Hawaii Tourism Conference, Oahu