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To: ADC Board of Directors & Attorney General's Office From: Wendy Gady, Executive Director, Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Subject: Weekly Report on Strategic Objectives (June 23, 2025 – June 27, 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

- BOD awarded a license for 88 acres to Kauai Taro Company, LLC
- BOD approved water line for OHA
- BOD approved ROE for a biosecurity facility
- Kauai Staff met with East Kauai irrigation System stakeholders to determine priorities
- Interview with reporter for magazine article
- Drafted an updated Exemption List for ADC

## **Areas Requiring Focus**

- <u>Rights of Entry:</u>
  - Applicants are procuring insurance coverage for ADC
  - Available lands are being discussed with applicants, clearing starting
- Capacity Building:
  - Kauai Water Workers: have resumes, establishing interview panel
  - Accountant V: Estimated start date July 2025
  - Accountant IV: awaiting list of candidates
- <u>Critically looking to reduce staff workloads:</u>
  - o Evaluating to Eliminate one thing/task for each staff member
  - Setting goals for each quarter of FY26 with each staff member

### 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

## <u>Upcoming Conferences/Events (continued):</u>

- 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