

# Wastewater Reclaim & Pumped-Storage Hydro

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#### What is The Whitmore Project?

The Whitmore Project is a detailed plan to revitalize our local ag industry by bringing farmers and the state together to **increase local food production**, **create jobs**, **engage in partnerships**, and to **provide** workforce **housing**. The Whitmore Project truly provides a **live**, **work**, and **play** environment.

#### Galbraith Purchase

- State G. O. Bond
  - \$13 million
- Army Buffer
  - \$4.5 million
- City and County Clean Water & Natural Lands
  - \$4 million
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs
  - \$3 million
- Private Donation (D.R. Horton) through TPL
  - \$500,000

#### **TOTAL: \$25 million**





#### Connecting the Whitmore Project:

- **Farmland:** 1,200 acres leased to farmers from the Agribusiness Development Corporation.
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs: 500 acres of farmland owned by OHA
- Agricultural Hub: Ag-Industrial Park will include food safety, packaging and processing facilities, and office space.
- Warehouse: Formally the Tamura's Warehouse, this structure will be retrofitted for additional food safety, packaging and processing, storage, and office space.
- Workforce Housing: A public-private partnership with the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC) will provide housing for farmers.

### Agribusiness Development Corporation

The Agribusiness Development Corporation was established in 1994 to facilitate and provide direction for the transition of Hawaii's agriculture industry from a dominance of sugar and pineapple to one composed of a diversity of different crops.

The agency's main goals are:

- Transition former plantation land and water systems for diversified agriculture.
- Initiate development of facilities and provide support as necessary for successful diversified agriculture.
- Provide solutions to certain bottleneck issues facing the agriculture industry.



# Piecing Together the Plan

#### Completed:

- ✓ Purchase 1,700 acres of Galbraith Estate land
- ✓ Purchase of Tamura Warehouse parcel
- ✓ Purchase of 24-acre Castle & Cooke parcel
- ✓ Purchase of 257-acre Dole Food Company, Inc. parcel
- ✓ Public Use and Structure (Dept. of Planning and Permitting)
- ✓ Public-Public Partnerships with:
  - ✓ High Technology Development Corporation
  - ✓ Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation
  - ✓ Agribusiness Incubator Program
  - ✓ Dept. of Education
  - Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization

#### Pending:

- Enter into Contractual Agreements with:
  - College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
  - □ City & County of Honolulu –Dept. of Environmental Services
  - Hawaii Public Housing Authority
- Purchase of Castle & Cooke parcel
- Purchase of Dole Food Co. parcel
- Land Exchange due diligence
- Wahiawa Dam & Reservoir Pumped-Storage Hydroelectricity

#### Continuing:

- Designing and planning of Ag-Tech Park
- Designing and planning of pump/irrigation systems
- Purchasing available parcels from Dole Food Company, Inc. (or land exchange)
- Identifying and collaborating with various stakeholders
- □ Expansion of Enterprise Zone No. 2 to include Whitmore Village

### Sustainable Alternatives

#### Wastewater Reclaim System

- Recycle/reuse of 2 million gallons of wastewater
- Provides R-1 water for certain agricultural crops
- Lower rates for water which reduces costs for end-user
- Preservation of Oahu's potable water by providing an alternative water resource for irrigation

#### **Pumped-Storage Hydro**

- Supply agricultural industry an alternative option for electricity
- Lower rate source of electricity
- Clean and reliable system for generating energy
- Reduces demand on current grid

## Wastewater Reclaim System

Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Current outfall is categorized as R-2 water
- HB1700 (2014): \$2.5 million
  - Plan and design for a new wastewater reclaimed water irrigation system for WWTP
  - Installing a reclaim system creates a primary outfall other than the lake, qualifying the water as R-1
- R-1 water
  - provided at a lower rate the potable water
  - Can be used for certain agricultural and recreational use



# 2 million gallons of recycled water results in...

### 2 million gallons of potable water that is preserved.



#### WAHIAWA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Tax Map Key:	7-3-007:002			
Address:	111 California Ave Wahiawa, HI 96786			
Phone:	768-4547			
Supervisor: Supervisor phone:	Clyde Hudson 768-4546			

Year in service: Process type: Design capacity: Avg flow processed: Mil gals treated: Serviced laterals:

Supervisor cell:

WTD number:

020

4,435

NA

1927

2.49 mgd

12

1.774 mgd (FY 2007)

647.417 (FY 2007)

### WRS Coordination Grid



# Redevelopment of Lake Wilson

Redirecting the wastewater outfall will help clean Lake Wilson turning it into a recreational destination:

- Lodging
- Fishing tournaments
- Recreational activities on both water and land



# Redevelopment of Lake Wilson

- Ecological Benefits
  - Benefits lakes, rivers, wetlands, and watershed conservation
- Economic Benefits
  - Strengthens local economics, funds fisheries and lake management programs, and attracts tourism and anglingrelated businesses
- Social Benefits
  - Communities benefit from a higher quality of life resulting from family and youth involvement in fishing

### Economic Impact of Freshwater Fishing by State in 2011

	Retail Sales	Total Multiplier or Ripple Effect	Salaries and Wages	Jobs	Federal Tax Revenues	State and Local Tax Revenues
Alaskat	\$390,455,542	\$580,993,450	\$188,878,215	5,261	\$38,988,480	\$48,168,228
Alabama	\$514,154,996	\$776,012,671	\$231,866,667	7,845	\$51,356,071	\$47,232,865
Arkansas	\$507,855,831	\$725,249,570	\$222,334,267	7,549	\$49,830,096	\$49,462,412
Arizona	\$862,298,181	\$1,456,854,992	\$464,810,603	12,007	\$103,458,290	\$86,916,175
California	\$1,417,629,003	\$2,704,701,141	\$921,946,336	21,515	\$213,770,199	\$198,127,762
Colorado	\$836,049,866	\$1,314,006,542	\$408,940,231	9,942	\$98,445,119	\$81,477,253
Connecticut	\$168,308,427	\$285,969,244	\$101,365,735	2,437	\$25,817,247	\$22,305,922
Delaware	\$12,759,486	\$18,206,232	\$6,146,028	173	\$1,366,397	\$1,347,706
Florida	\$977,018,002	\$1,689,575,866	\$520,689,055	14,040	\$129,932,870	\$97,608,385
Georgia	\$993,650,535	\$1,607,081,758	\$487,200,968	12,536	\$116,498,117	\$87,783,143
<mark>Hawaii</mark>	<mark>\$22,549,618</mark>	\$26,394,773	<mark>\$7,654,418</mark>	202	\$1,555,053	<mark>\$1,511,733</mark>

Hawaii's recreational fishing market has a total economic impact of **\$330 million**. The increase in **freshwater recreations** can multiply this value and support Central Oahu's local economy.

# Pumped-Storage Hydroelectricity

- Pumped-storage hydroelectricity stores energy in the form of gravitational potential energy, pumped from a lower to higher elevation reservoir
- Process is done overnight when electricity demand is at its lowest

#### Benefits:

- Electricity can be sold to farmers at lower rates
- Provided a cleaner and alternative source of energy

# **Untapped Resource**

- Oahu has 262 dammed reservoirs, many of which can provide power to offset intermittent wind and solar resources
- Potential Sites on Oahu
  - WAHIAWA: 800,000 KWH OF STORED ENERGY
  - Nuuanu: 230,000 kWh of stored energy
  - Hoomaluhia: 340,000 kWh of stored energy
  - Kaneohe: 360,000 kWh of stored energy





# Pumped-Storage Coordination Grid





# Legislation

#### HB 1700 (2014)

 \$2.5 million for the plan and design for a new wastewater reclaimed water irrigation system at the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

#### SCR 193 (2015)

 Encouraging the Agribusiness Development Corporation to develop a plan to acquire the dam and spillway of Lake Wilson for pumped-storage hydroelectricity.

# Future Steps

- Purchase key assets
  - Land
  - Water
  - Facilities
- Appropriate funds for the construction of the wastewater reclaim system
- Create a pumped-storage hydroelectricity facility

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