



August 26, 2016

Dear Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) Administrators,

I am pleased to submit the CSU Monterey Bay STARS Report. This report is a reflection of the sustainability accomplishments and ambitions of our campus community. It is also an example of the great teamwork by the staff, students, and faculty that worked diligently to gather and analyze all of the data.

I have reviewed our report and I am particularly pleased with our accomplishments in water conservation, and community service.

Through the efforts of facilities services, student programs and partnerships with our local water district we have continued to decrease water use as student population has risen.

The dedication and applied value of service learning has been recognized since the founding of the campus and continues to be a critical part of the students' learning experience. CSUMB students completed almost 90,000 community service hours last year alone.

Sustainability is an ongoing effort and our campus still has ambitions for improved performance, particularly in the areas of sustainable food and waste minimization.

Thank you for your continued support of campus sustainability efforts. We are proud to be members of AASHE and participate in the STARS process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eduardo M. Ochoa".

Eduardo M. Ochoa,
President

cc: Kevin Saunders, VP Administration and Finance
Co-Chair President's Sustainability Committee

Patti Hiramoto, AVP Office of Inclusive Excellence
Co-Chair President's Sustainability Committee

Lacey Raak, Sustainability Director