



March 12, 2018

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

It is with great pride that I 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 planning and sustainable food.

In the last couple years we have undertaken a Master Plan updated that included comprehensive public engagement and that resulted in a deeply sustainable vision. It even led to CSUMB becoming the first College or University to register for the Living Community Challenge.

CSUMB has increased its percentage of locally-sourced food over 10% since the last reporting period. We have also implement sustainable dining programs to support waste reduction. In addition, through efforts led by Associated Students, the campus has begun to address food insecurity. This includes the formation of a basic needs committee, a food pantry system and receiving an \$80,000 grant to support food insecurity.

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

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 Ochoa'.

Eduardo Ochoa,
President

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

Lacey Raak, Sustainability Director