



November 8, 2013

STARS Steering Committee  
Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education  
213 ½ North Limestone  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Subject: California State University, Chico STARS Submission

California State University, Chico is proud to have been a charter member, as well as a pilot campus during the phase 1 development of the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). I am pleased to submit our first completed campus-wide assessment of sustainability programs, policies and practices. This report is the culmination of cross-campus collaborative efforts of students, faculty, staff and administrative units.

In 2006, I established sustainability as the Sixth Priority to our Campus Strategic Plan. One year later, I became the seventh campus president nationwide to sign the American Colleges & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) underscoring institutional commitment and campus leadership toward helping to create a sustainable future. Those efforts have taken root within the culture of our community and continue grow and become integral to our educational and operational mission.

With this submission of the AASHE STARS report for our Gold Rating, we have set the benchmark for our campus practices and will use it as an internal standard against which to measure our continued progress toward becoming a fully integrated sustainable and climate neutral campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Zingg".

Paul J. Zingg  
President

