



Office of the President

April 29, 2011

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
213 1/2 North Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Re: California State Polytechnic University's (Cal Poly Pomona) STARS submission

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the AASHE STARS report for California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona). This report was prepared through the collaborative efforts of faculty, staff, and administration across the campus.

In 2007, I signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, formalizing decades of sustainability efforts throughout the history of Cal Poly Pomona. The use of reclaimed water as a source of irrigation dates back to 1965. Our carpool and recycling programs were initiated before state law requirements went into effect. In 1994, the John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies opened, providing the campus community an opportunity to learn how to incorporate sustainability into all facets of daily life. For the past two years our Climate Action Plan has served as a road map to identify and plan projects and programs to move toward climate neutrality by the year 2030. Some of our initiatives include transitioning our fleet to electric powered vehicles, installing over 1.1 megawatts of solar, design/construct three LEED certified facilities, reducing the amount turf area around campus, and incorporating sustainability and climate commitment into the broader curriculum.

To further reduce our impact on the environment, we are assessing our current actions and their impact. One of the ways we are doing this is through the AASHE STARS program. We are pleased with our Silver rating, and look forward to using the findings in the STARS report to identify new ways to further embrace sustainability and achieve carbon neutrality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Michael Ortiz".

J. Michael Ortiz
President