



Office of the President

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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
1536 Wynkoop St.
Suite 100
Denver CO 80202

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

It is with great pleasure that I present to you our latest AASHE STARS report for California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona). This report was prepared through the collaborative efforts of faculty, staff and administrators across campus, led by our Environmental Sustainability Task Force.

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 the state law requirements went into effect. In 1994, the 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 five 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, constructing LEED certified facilities, reducing the amount of turf area around campus, promoting sustainability research, and incorporating sustainability into the broader curriculum.

To further reduce our impact on the environment, we continue to assess 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 performance to date, and look forward to using the STARS guidelines as we seek 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, Ph.D.
President