

## California Department of Food and Agriculture Office of Grants Administration

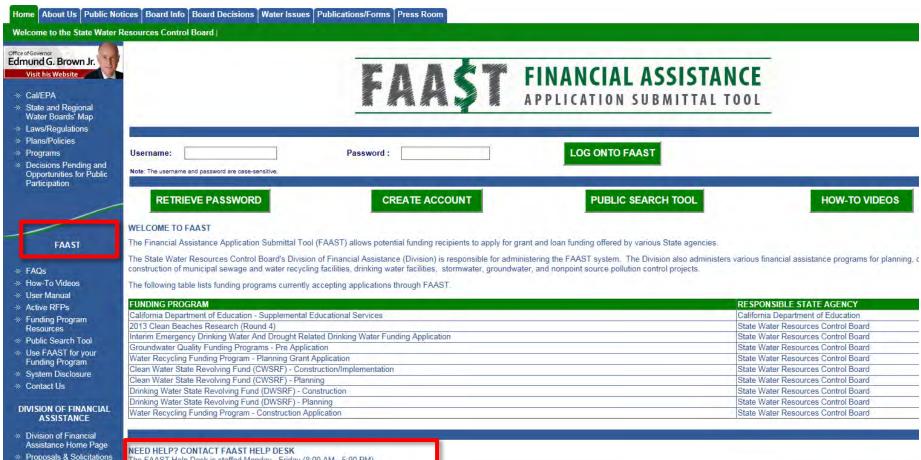
# 2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST)



## **About FAAST**

- Partnership with State Water Resources
   Control Board
- Electronic submission of applications
- FAAST can be found at: https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov



#### The PAAST Help Desk is staffed Monday - Prid.

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Please direct your questions to

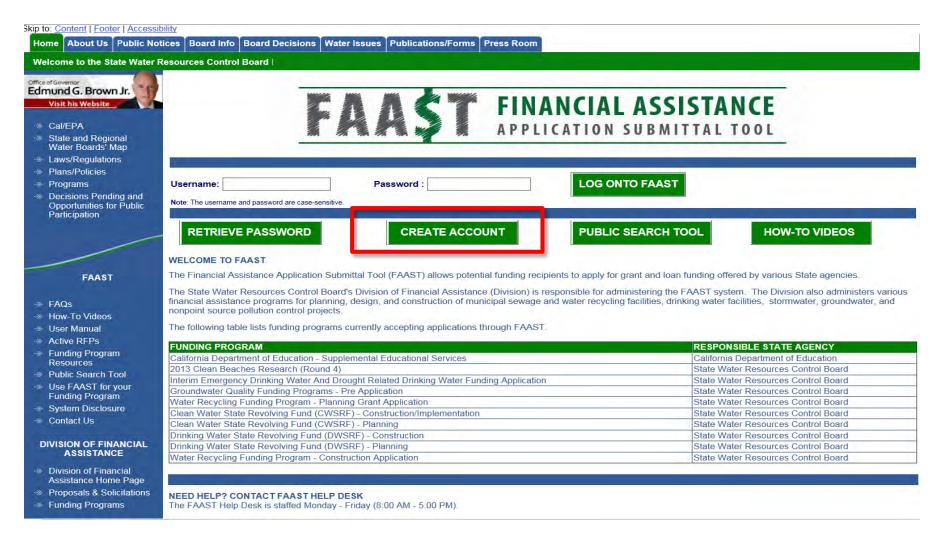
1-866-434-1083 or FAAST\_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov

### **FAAST Resources**

FAQs

→ Funding Programs

- How-To-Videos
- User Manual
- Help Desk



## **Creating an Account**

Select "Create Account"



#### Organization Search Step 1

This page allows you to search for organizations which are already in the FAAST database. Enter any part of the organization name and click on the search button. Use care when entering an entire organization name. An extra space, or misspelled words, will prevent the system from retrieving the organization record. If you find the organization of interest, click on the name to submit an application on behalf of that organization. If you do not find the organization in the search results, Scroll down the search results to Create New Organization record.



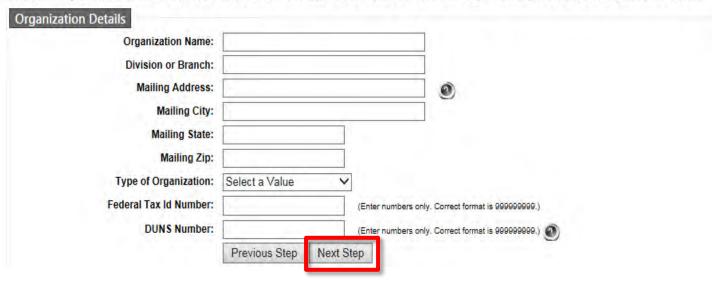
## **Step 1: Organization Search**

Search database by entering organization name



New Organization Details

This screen allows you to enter your organization details. The system will maintain this information in the FAAST database. Enter the details and click "Next Step" button to proceed to User Account Details Screen.



## **Creating a New Organization:**

- Only when your organization is not found
- Federal Tax ID Number
- DUNS Number



User Registration Step 2

This is a simple two step process. Please enter your Organization details in Step 1, your User details in Step 2 and click on "Create User Account" button to Successfully Create User Account

		ood and Agriculture	
Prefix:		(Mr., Ms., Dr., etc.)	
First Name:			
Middle Name:			_
Last Name:			
Title:			<b>©</b>
Phone:			
Fax:			
Email: Confirm Email:			
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	Yes V		
User Name:			Check for Availability
Password:			
Security Question:	Select a Value V		
Security Answer:			
	Create User Account	Back to Organization	

## **Step 2: User Registration**

- Enter account details such as:
  - Name, contact information, username, password and security/question answer
- Select "Create User Account"



#### Confirmation

Congratulations! You have successfully created a FAAST user account!

The following are your user account details. Please print & save them in a safe place for your future reference. Don't give out your password to anyone. An email confirmation will be sent to you within 15 minutes.

# Vour User Name: Your Password: Your Security Question: Your Security Answer: Back to Login Page

## **Confirmation**

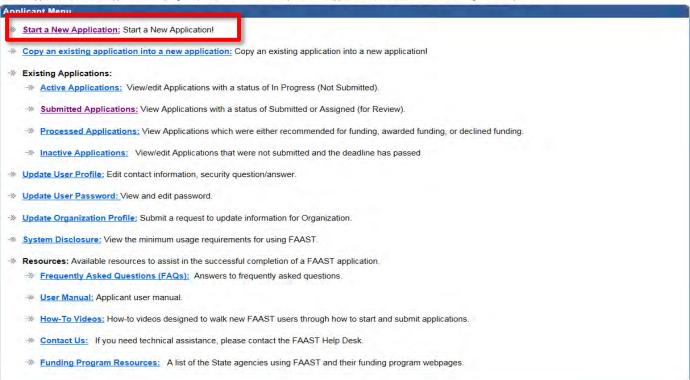
- Use the File/Print function on your browser and keep your account information for future reference
- Select "Back to Login Page"

elcome Jacqueline Castro of California Department of Food and Agriculture - Sacramento Office. If not your Account, please log out.

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#### Main Menu

The Main Menu allows the user to start a new application, work on applications in progress, view submitted and/or processed applications, or edit the user and/or organization profiles.



## **Start a New Application:**

Select "Start a New Application" in the applicant menu



FAAST was designed and tested for use on a personal computer (PC) using Internet Explorer (version 6.0 or higher). The use of a MacIntosh (Mac) or other web browsers may impact the ability to successfully save information, navigate within FAAST, upload attachments, or submit an application.

The following is a list of recommendations when using FAAST.



## **System Disclosure:**

• Use a PC (Microsoft Windows Operating System)

## **Usage Recommendations:**

- Use Internet Explorer (version 6.0 or higher)
- Save often
- Disable pop-up blocking software

Velcome Jacqueline Castro of California Department of Food and Agriculture - Sacramento Office. If not your Account, please log out.

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Main Menu > Select Applicant Organization

Select Applicant Organization

Please identify the Applicant Organization for the application started by selecting either OPTION 1 or OPTION 2 below. If the Applicant Organization selected is later determined to be incorrect, contact the FAAST Help Desk to have the correct Applicant Organization associated with the project.

#### OPTION 1: Applicant Organization = Submitting Organization

The Applicant Organization for this project is: "California Department of Food and Agriculture - Sacramento Office". The Applicant Organization is the same as the Submitting Organization. Press the OPTION 1 button to move to the next step.

OPTION 1

OR

#### OPTION 2: Applicant Organization ≠ Submitting Organization

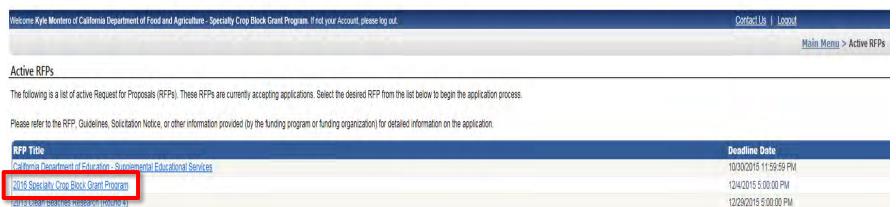
The application is being submitted on behalf of another organization (the Applicant Organization). The Applicant Organization is different from the Submitting Organization. Press the OPTION 2 button to search for and select the Applicant Organization for this project.

OPTION 2

## **Select Application Organization:**

- Option 1: Applicant Organization = Submitting Organization
- Option 2: Applicant Organization ≠ Submitting Organization





## **Active RFPs:**

Select "2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program" RFP



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Main Menu > Getting Started

#### **Getting Started**

This page allows the user to review/confirm the following: selected RFP, Applicant Organization, and Submitting Organization.

If you would like to apply for the "2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program" RFP using the Application Number (PIN) and initiate application. The "Back" button will assign your application an unique Proposal Identification Number (PIN) and initiate application. The "Back" button will take you back to the list of currently accepting RFPs.

Please refer to the RFP, Guidelines, Solicitation Notice, or other information provided (by the funding program or funding organization), for detailed information on the application.

Confirm the following information:

RFP Title: 2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

RFP Description: The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is conducting a competitive solicitation process to award 2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funds for projects solely enhancing the competitiveness of California specialty

crops. Specialty crops are fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). CDFA is soliciting concept proposals from eligible non-profit and for-profit organizations, local, state, and federal government

entities, including tribal governments, and public or private colleges and universities.

Applicant Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Applicant Organization Division: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Submitting Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

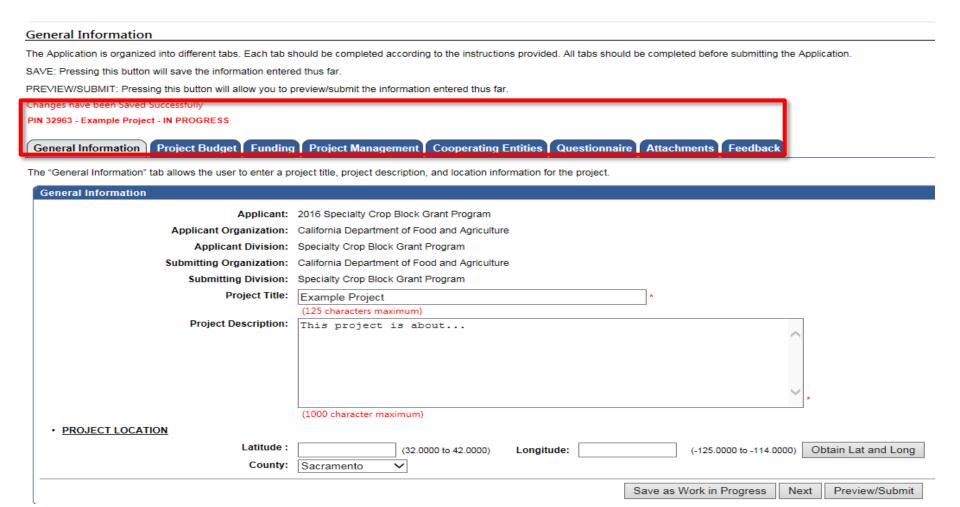
Submitting Organization Division: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

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Continue to Application

## **Getting Started:**

• Select "Continue to Application"



## **Application Tabs:**

 General Information, Project Budget, Funding, Project Management, Cooperative Entities, Questionnaire, Attachments, Feedback

#### General Information

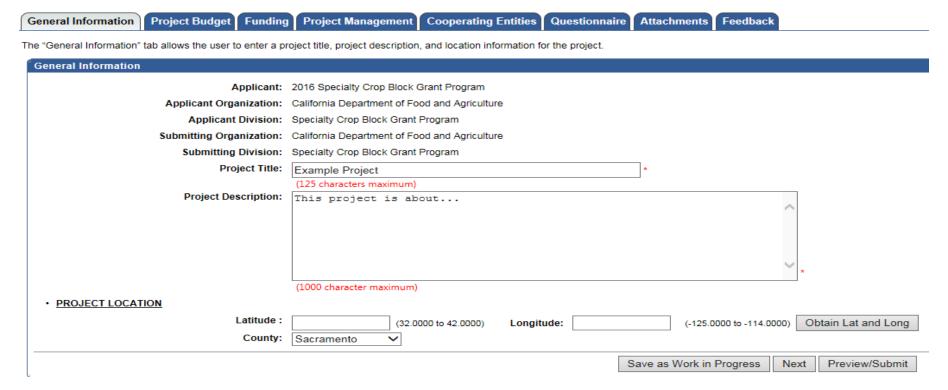
The Application is organized into different tabs. Each tab should be completed according to the instructions provided. All tabs should be completed before submitting the Application.

SAVE: Pressing this button will save the information entered thus far.

PREVIEW/SUBMIT: Pressing this button will allow you to preview/submit the information entered thus far.

Changes have been Saved Successfully

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## General Information (two required fields):

- Project Title
- Project Description
- Select "Next Button"

#### **Proposal Budget**

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	General Information Project Budget Funding F	roject Management	Cooperating Entities	Questionnaire	Attachments	Feedback	
1	The "Project Budget" tab allows the user to enter budget inform	nation for the project.					
	Project Budget						
	Funds Requested(\$):	0.00					
	Local Cost Match(\$):	0.00					
	Total Budget(\$):	0.00					
	Applicant Federal Tax Id Number:		(Enter numbers o	nly. Correct format is 9	99999999.)		
	DUNS Number:		(Enter numbers o	nly. Correct format is 96			
				Previous Sa	ve as Work in Pro	ogress Next	
					Preview/Submit		

## **Project Budget:**

- Funds Requested (SCBGP funds requested)
- Local Cost Match (matching funds + in-kind contributions)
- Total Budget (funds requested + local cost match)
- Tax ID Number
- DUNS Number

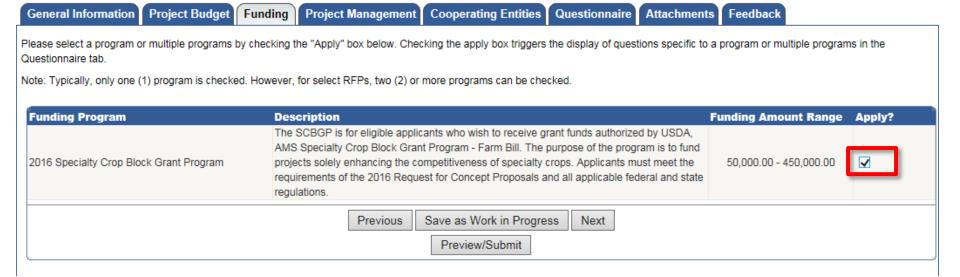
#### Funding Program(s)

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## **Funding:**

Select the program by checking the "Apply Box"

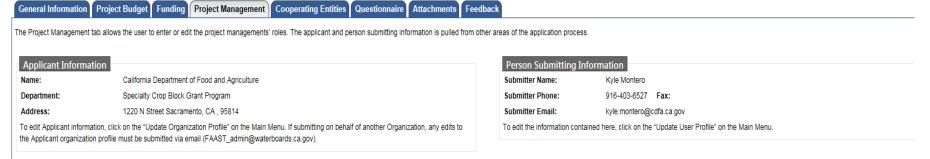
#### Project Management

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#### PROJECT DIRECTOR AND PROJECT MANAGER

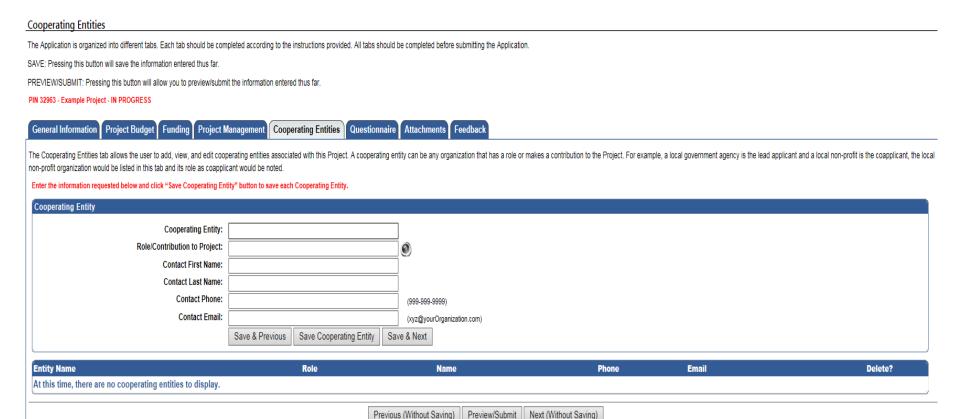
Enter the contact information for the Project Director (including the confirm email), then:

- 1. Either click on the Project Manager = Project Director button; or Enter the contact information for the Project Manager (including the confirm email); and then
- 2. Click on the PREVIOUS OR NEXT buttons to save changes and navigate or one of the other tabs to move away from the Project Management tab without saving.

Management Role	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Fax	Email	ConfirmEmail		
Project Director								
Project Manager								
Project Manager = Project Director								
Previous Save as Work in Progress Next								
Preview/Submit								

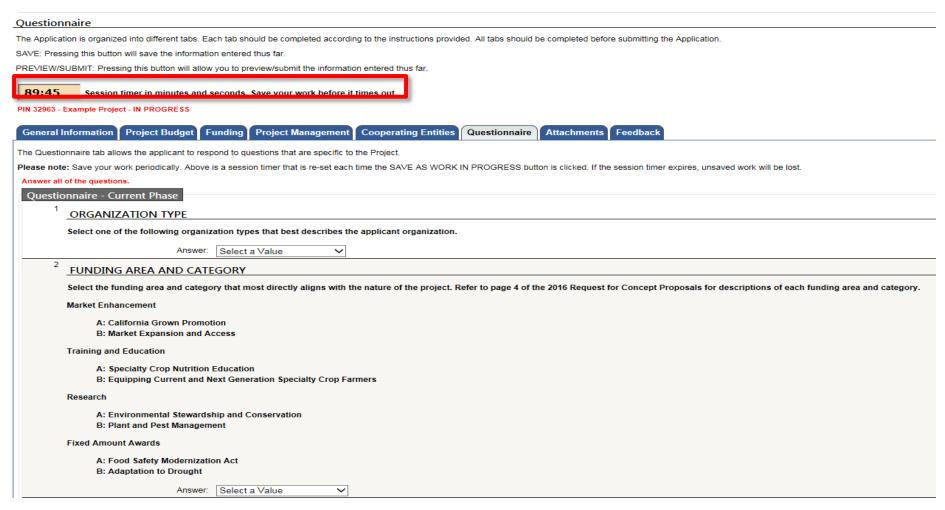
## **Project Management:**

- Project Director (authorized representative)
- Project Manager (day-to-day contact)



## **Cooperating Entities:**

- An organization that has a role or makes a contribution to the project
- More than one cooperating entity can be listed



## **Questionnaire:**

- 2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program application
- Save as Work in Progress
  - Session timer (90 minutes)
  - Session timer resets each time "Save as Work in Progress" is selected

Click <u>HERE</u> to download the "Budget Template."

All budget items should solely support enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crops and correlate to the goal(s) of the project. Upload the completed budget template to your FAAST application in the "Attachments" tab.

The budget should only include grant funds. Do not include match and/or in-kind contributions.

## **Budget Template:**

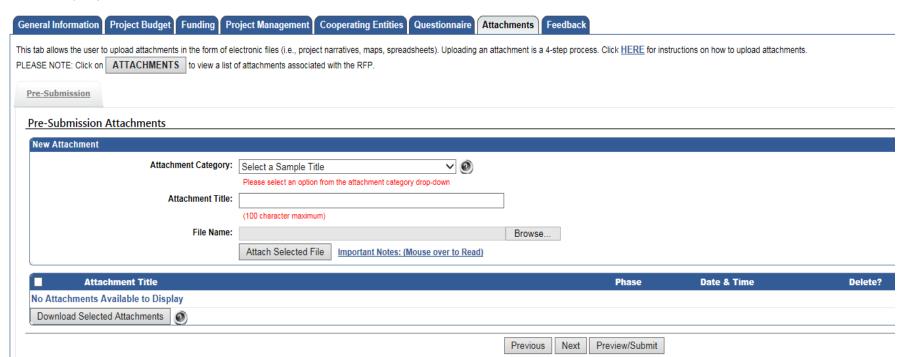
- Link provided in question 11 of 2016 SCBGP Application
- Download budget template in FAAST
- Upload completed budget template and attach in FAAST

#### Attachments

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PREVIEW/SUBMIT: Pressing this button will allow you to preview/submit the information entered thus far.

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## **Attachments Tab:**

- Select "Attachment Category"
- Type a title under "Attachment Title" or leave as is
- Select the "Browse" buttons to upload attachment
- Select "Attach Selected File" to upload to FAAST application

#### **Application Preview**

This is a preview of your application. Please review and confirm the information is accurate before submitting the application. FAAST will perform a check to verify whether required fields are completed and/or required attachments are uploaded. Once you have verified the information, please read the certification statement and enter your initials to submit the application to the State Water Board.

Note: To print the application, please use the "FILE -> PRINT" menu option on the browser.

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#### Application Preview

RFP Title: 2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Submitting Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Submitting Organization Division: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Project Title: Example Project

Project Description: This project is about...

Water System ID:

District Office:

#### APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant Organization: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Applicant Organization Division: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Applicant Address: 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA - 95814

PROJECT LOCATION

Latitude: Longitude:

Watershed:

County: Sacramento

Responsible Regional Water Board:

PROJECT BUDGET

Funds Requested(\$): 250,000.00 Local Cost Match(\$): 150,000.00 Total Budget(\$): 400,000.00

## **Application Preview:**

- Preview application by selecting "Preview/Submit" in Attachment tab
- Run an "Application Completion Check"

#### **Certification And Submission Statement**

The proposal appears complete. Please enter initials to certify accuracy of the application and then click on the 'Submit Application' button to submit the application.

Please read the following certification and submission statement before submitting the application.

I, certify under penalty of perjury the following:

Submission Date: 10/20/2015 3:39:22 PM

- The information entered on behalf of the Applicant Organization is true and complete to the best of my knowledge;
- I am an employee of or a consultant for the Applicant Organization and I am authorized to submit the application on behalf of the Applicant Organization; and
- I understand that any false, incomplete, or incorrect statements made may result in the disqualification of this application.

By signing this application, I waive any and all rights to privacy and confidentiality of the proposal on behalf of the Applicant to the extent provided by law.

To submit this application, please enter your initials certifying the accuracy of the application and click the "Submit Application" button. If you are not ready to submit your application, please click on the "Back to Application" button.

Enter Your Initials: Submit Application

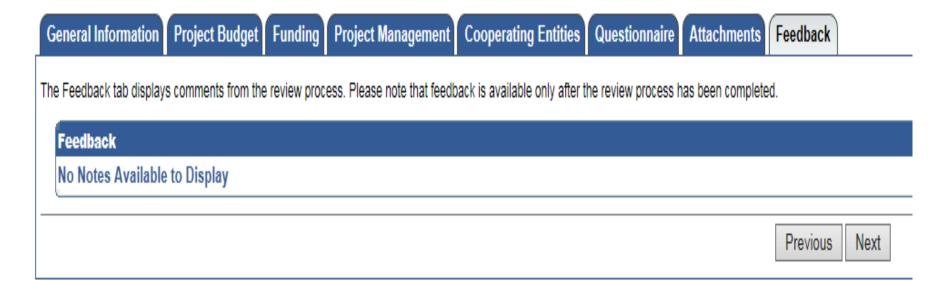
## **Submission of 2016 SCBGP Application:**

- Enter your initials
- Select "Submit Application"

#### Feedback

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## Feedback Tab:

- Comments from Technical Review Committee
- Comments from Administrative Review (CDFA)



## **Quick Tips**

- Save your application often
- Make sure you select "Submit"
- Don't wait until the last minute



## **FAAST Resources**

- FAAST Help Desk
  - Phone: 1-866-434-1083
  - Email: FAAST ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov
  - Hours: Monday Friday; 8:00 am 5:00 pm
- Frequently Asked Questions
- User Manual



# Questions

