REQUEST
This item is a general introduction to a 2016 work item that could have significant implications for the escrow and permitting activities.

BACKGROUND
During the latter half of the 2015 construction season, almost all of the cities approached the District asking if there was another method by which they could post escrows/surety for projects requiring a District permit.

At present local units of government are treated no different than any other applicant relative to the amount and method allowed for posting escrows. The concerns expressed have had nothing to do with the amount and more to do with the instrument used for posting escrow and the potential tying up of significant amounts of cash for a year or more depending on the size of a capital project and the number of capital projects performed in a given year.

ISSUES/CONCERNS
Financial Instruments:

Tying up Cash and Tax Dollars:

Potential Special Standing for Public Agencies:

Utilities: As a note, several utilities (CenterPoint & Connexus)

OPTIONS
- Additional Staff research involving City Finance Directors
- TAC & CAC Review
- Special agreement/contracts with Cities, County Highways, etc (regular permittees)
RECOMMENDATION
Hold general discussion