



Governance Key Players

The creation of Tampa Bay Water was guided by the “Group of 18,” a policy panel comprised of the West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority’s Board of Directors, city or county administrator and the utility director for each of the six Authority member governments (Hillsborough County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, Tampa, St. Petersburg and New Port Richey).



Group of 18 panel members included:

Hillsborough County

Commissioner Ed Turanchik
Daniel Kleman, County Administrator
Mike McWeeny, Utility Director

Pinellas County

Commissioner Steve Seibert
Fred Marquis, County Administrator
Pick Talley, Utility Director

Pasco County

Commissioner Ed Collins
John Gallagher, County Administrator
Doug Bramlett, Assistant County Administrator

City of St. Petersburg

Mayor David Fischer
William Johnson, Utility Director
Mike Davis, City Attorney

City of Tampa

Board member, R. Michael Salmon
Sam Halter, City Administrator
Dave Tippin, Director

City of New Port Richey

Councilman Frank Parker
Gerald Seeber, City Administrator
Tom O'Neill, Utility Director

Other notable key players included Sen. Jack Latvala, Rep. Carl Littlefield and Rep. Sandy Safley, who sponsored the bill (CS/HB 4027) facilitating Governance.