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**Florida Association of Counties Creates Water Policy Committee**

- Committee will be leading the efforts to address the widespread water crisis affecting Florida -

LEON COUNTY, FL – Today, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) announced the creation of a Water Policy Committee comprised of 37 county commissioners from across the state. The committee will serve as the Association’s voice when addressing water related policy concerns and provide a structure for the organization to recommend solutions.

“The counties in Florida are diverse and so are the water quality and supply issues they face on the frontlines,” said FAC President and Hendry County Commissioner, Karson Turner. “The Water Policy Committee allows counties to have direct input in future environmental policy reform, recognizing water issues know no boundaries in Florida but are still not solved with one size fits all solutions.”

The committee, created with a mission for counties to set policy priorities on the local, state and federal level, will take the lead in working with the state and Governor Ron DeSantis who signed [Executive Order 19-12](#) shortly after taking office, which emphasizes the need to engage local government officials to help protect Florida’s vulnerable coastline and natural resources.

“By working with together we will be able to find impactful solutions to protect our most precious resource and build a stronger Florida for our citizens and future generations of Floridians,” said Turner.

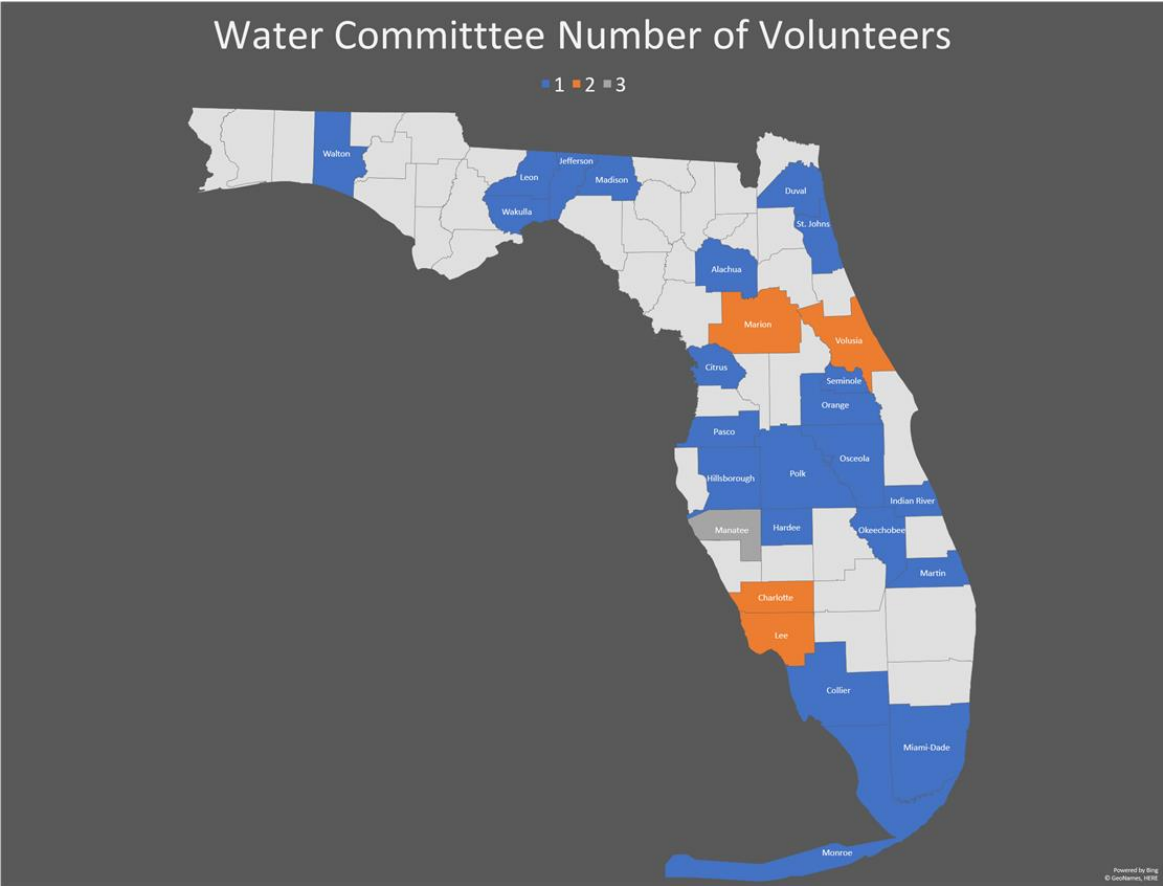
The committee will be meeting for the fist time during the Association’s Legislative Day on March 27, 2019 to set an agenda and list of goals for the upcoming years.

Members include:

Heather Carruthers Monroe County <i>Chair</i>	Peter O’Bryan Indian River County	Terry Burroughs Okeechobee County
Lee Constantine Seminole County <i>Chair</i>	Stephen Walker Jefferson County	Emily Bonilla Orange County
Ken Cornell Alachua County	Brian Hamman Lee County	Cheryl Grieb Osceola County
Bill Truex Charlotte County	Larry Kiker Lee County	Jack Mariano Pasco County
Ken Doherty Charlotte County	Kristin Dozier Leon County	George Lindsey Polk County

Scott Carnahan Citrus County	Alston Kelley Madison County	Charles Hines Sarasota County
Penny Taylor Collier County	Vanessa Baugh Manatee County	Henry Dean St. Johns County
Garrett Dennis Duval County	Carl Zalak Marion County	Fran Hutchinson St. Lucie County
John Ahern Glades County	Michelle Stone Marion County	Billie Wheeler Volusia County
Timothy Stanley Glades County	Doug Smith Martin County	Deb Denys Volusia County
Noey Flores Hardee County	Sarah Heard Martin County	Charles Hess, Ph.D. Wakulla County
Sandy Murman Hillsborough County	Daniella Levine Cava Miami-Dade County	Danny Glidewell Walton County
Bob Solari Indian River County		

The map below geographically depicts the representative counties by the number of commissioners on the committee:



Founded in 1929, the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has represented the diverse interests of Florida's counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule – the concept that government closest to the people governs best.

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