



## PMAA 2016 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

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### **Resolution 1-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation to enact comprehensive prevailing wage reform.

### **Resolution 2-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation to include authorities under all provisions of the Commonwealth procurement code.

### **Resolution 3-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation and regulations that require public notification to drinking water authorities of Marcellus Shale gas drilling activities within or adjacent to their watersheds.

### **Resolution 4-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support the protection of the environment, public health, and the water resources of the Commonwealth as a top priority for state and federal regulators overseeing Marcellus Shale natural gas extraction.

### **Resolution 5-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA take the position that any state or federal environmental legislation, regulation, or policy has a comprehensive cost/benefit analysis that identifies environmental benefits and economic impacts. Dedicated funding sources for these initiatives should be created within the authorizing agency or budgetary legislation associated with the initiative.

### **Resolution 6-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA encourage the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that agriculture and other nonpoint source contributors reduce their proportionate share of nutrient and sediment to the Chesapeake Bay.

### **Resolution 7-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to continue to maintain the negotiated wastewater nutrient reduction limits under the Chesapeake Bay program.

### **Resolution 8-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA advise both the PA Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that the Pennsylvania wastewater sector, already in compliance with their nitrogen and phosphorus reductions three years prior to the Bay agreement 2017 interim deadline, should not be penalized to produce further reductions at great cost with modest results due to other Pennsylvania sectors failing to comply with their required reductions.

### **Resolution 9-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA continue to work with PENNVEST, the PA Department of Environmental Protection, and other entities to implement a viable nutrient credit trading program to address Chesapeake Bay nutrient reductions.

### **Resolution 10-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support a state and/or federal funding program designated to offset costs for Chesapeake Bay nutrient and sediment reduction efforts.

### **Resolution 11-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA continue to support land application of biosolids and other types of technologies for reuse of biosolids when done in compliance with state and federal requirements.

**Resolution 12-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation that allows solid waste authorities and local government entities to impose necessary fees for recycling and waste management of electronic devices.

**Resolution 13-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to base nutrient TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) on sound science, required regulatory procedures, and cost/benefit analyses as required by existing federal and state statutes.

**Resolution 14-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA continue to oppose the changes to the proposed federal rule amending the Internal Revenue Code eliminating municipal authorities as entities eligible for tax exempt bonds and financing and strongly urge the rule be redrafted to address the specific non-governmental entities not qualified for tax amnesty.

**Resolution 15-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA work with the PA Department of Environmental Protection, other state agencies, professional and work force organizations, and higher education facilities to promote training and workforce development efforts specifically in the area of water and wastewater utilities.

**Resolution 16-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA work with the legislature, other interested parties, and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to streamline and improve Act 537 sewage facilities planning program.

**Resolution 17-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA encourage the legislature and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to restore and increase funding for stormwater management planning and implementation.

**Resolution 18-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support SB 1235 (Baker) amending and improving provisions of the Underground Utility Line Protection Act and to transfer enforcement authority for PA One Call from the PA Department of Labor & Industry to the PA Public Utility Commission.

**Resolution 19-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support SB 16 (Yudichak) establishing a task force to study the various sources of lead exposure and poisoning in Pennsylvania including assessing older housing stock (lead paint), school buildings, day care facilities, and water pipelines.

**Resolution 20-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA recognize the essential importance of safeguarding the state's public drinking water supplies and its citizens from lead contaminants through rigorous monitoring and testing requirements that are both protective of public health and cost effective.

**Resolution 21-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA continue to work with the PA Department of Environmental Protection on the drinking water regulation, the Proposed Disinfection Requirements Rule, to protect public health while alleviating unintended systemic consequences and unnecessary costs.

**Resolution 22-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA encourage Congress to appropriate adequate funding that is necessary for the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA) to become a viable infrastructure funding program.

**Resolution 23-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA continue efforts to preserve authority ownership by educating the public of the benefits of municipal authority systems including high quality and affordable service and local public ownership and control.

**Resolution 24-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation amending the Municipality Authorities Act by extending the time requirement from 90 to 180 days for submission of an authority's annual financial report to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for those authorities whose fiscal year is not based on a calendar year.

**Resolution 25-16**

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly and Congress to address the underfunding of water and wastewater infrastructure and to offset the billions of dollars necessary to rebuild aging water and sewer systems.