



PMAA 2018 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation to increase the thresholds in the Prevailing Wage Act and the Separations Act.

Resolution 2-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation to include authorities under all provisions of the Commonwealth Procurement Code including the option to utilize design build contracts.

Resolution 3-18

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 shale natural gas extraction.

Resolution 4-18

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 5-18

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 as required by the 2025 goals set in the Bay states agreement with EPA.

Resolution 6-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to maintain the negotiated wastewater nutrient reduction limits (6 mg/l Nitrogen, .8 mg/l Phosphorus) under the Chesapeake Bay program.

Resolution 7-18

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, and currently, seven years prior to the 2025 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 8-18

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 9-18

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 10-18

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 11-18

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 12-18

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 to ensure adequate numbers of certified operators in the future.

Resolution 13-18

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 14-18

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 15-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA encourage the General Assembly to adequately fund the PA Department of Environmental Protection to maintain a viable state drinking water program for protection of public health and safety.

Resolution 16-18

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 17-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA encourage the legislature to adopt SB 114 (Eichelberger), which in certain conditions, allows for sewer service termination to commercial customers over six months in arrears on sewer payments.

Resolution 18-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA opposes changes to any U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or PA Department of Environmental Protection drinking water standards, or to any Health Advisory Levels (HALs), which have not been fully studied and which are not resultant of well-founded scientific principles and health based studies.

Resolution 19-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA continue promoting efforts to preserve existing authority owned water and wastewater infrastructure systems by educating the public of the benefits of municipal authorities including affordable and quality service and local public ownership and control.

Resolution 20-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA support HB 477 (Harper) requiring municipalities to provide public notice and hold a public meeting prior to entering into an agreement to sell or lease a sewer or water system owned or operated by a municipal authority or a municipality and the potential purchaser or leasee is required to attend the public meeting.

Resolution 21-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA support HB 1034(Mako) 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 22-18

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.

Resolution 23-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose placing all authority water and wastewater systems under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Resolution 24-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose SB 597 (Stefano) authorizing the PA Auditor General to conduct audits of municipal authorities and requiring authorities to pay for all costs.

Resolution 25-18

RESOLVED, That PMAA work with the PA Department of Environmental Protection and the PA Department of Education to develop regulations to implement Act 39 of 2018 (lead testing requirements in public schools).