



PMAA 2022 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly and the U.S. Congress to address water and wastewater infrastructure and provide the billions of dollars necessary to construct new water and wastewater systems, and to rebuild and repair aging water and wastewater systems.

Resolution 2-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly and the U.S. Congress to provide COVID relief funding directly to municipal authorities.

Resolution 3-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation requiring ratepayer approval prior to the sale of a municipal authority or municipally owned or operated water or wastewater system, and those referendums that result in a majority of ratepayers disapproving the acquisition, the PA Public Utility Commission shall not approve the application for acquisition.

Resolution 4-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislation placing additional mandates on municipal authorities, such as asset management and cybersecurity plan requirements where the oversight of such requirements is managed by the PA Public Utility Commission.

Resolution 5-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly to provide funding for the development of asset management and cybersecurity plans of water and wastewater systems.

Resolution 6-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislation placing municipal authorities under the jurisdiction of the PA Public Utility Commission or any other private or public entity.

Resolution 7-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation requiring all government entities be subject to any applicable stormwater fee imposed by a municipal authority.

Resolution 8-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA continue to support land application of biosolids and other types of technologies for reuse of biosolids when done in compliance with federal and state requirements, and support requirement of legislative and regulatory oversight and approval of revisions to general permits issued by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolution 9-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the PA Department of Environmental Protection to base nutrient and sediment TMDLs as well as any water and wastewater initiatives on sound science, required regulatory procedures, and cost/benefit analyses.

Resolution 10-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge that any safe drinking water requirements, including maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) or Health Advisory Levels (HALs) proposed and/or promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the PA Department of Environmental Protection, be fully researched and based on well-founded scientific information and data and health based studies, cost/benefit analyses, and subject to public notice and comment.

Resolution 11-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation, regulation, or policy restricting the use of class B firefighting foam and establishing a “take back” collection program.

Resolution 12-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation placing strict parameters for commercial and vexatious requests for documents under the Right-to-Know law.

Resolution 13-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislation that requires municipal authority board members to be elected rather than appointed.

Resolution 14-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support maintaining the wastewater nutrient reduction limits (6 mg/l Nitrogen, 0.8 mg/l Phosphorus) under the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Resolution 15-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA advise the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Environmental Protection that the Pennsylvania wastewater sector, already having complied with its sector’s nitrogen and phosphorus reductions three years prior to the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) 2017 interim deadline, and seven years prior to the 2025 deadline, should not be required to impose any more stringent limitations on their rate payers while other sectors’ contributing nutrient and sediment loadings to the Chesapeake Bay have not met either their 2017 or 2025 requirements.

Resolution 16-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support the use of a viable water quality trading program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Resolution 17-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation to significantly increase the thresholds in Pennsylvania’s Prevailing Wage Act.

Resolution 18-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation to modernize Pennsylvania's Separations Act, providing for and including a variety of delivery options as well as design build contracts.

Resolution 19-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation which allows municipal authorities to enter into contracts when no bids are received.

Resolution 20-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation adding public safety services to permitted projects under the Municipality Authorities Act.

Resolution 21-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation adding deployment of broadband internet infrastructure in underserved and unserved areas to permitted projects under the Municipality Authorities Act.

Resolution 22-22

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

Resolution 23-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislation requiring performance based audits of municipal authorities.

Resolution 24-22

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

Resolution 25-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose any federal or state environmental legislation, regulation, or policy which does not include 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 26-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA encourage the PA General Assembly to adequately fund the PA Department of Environmental Protection, to ensure timely responses to permit and plan approval requests, and to properly implement any new legislative or regulatory requirements.

Resolution 27-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA recognize the essential importance of safeguarding the state's public drinking water supplies and its citizens from lead contaminants via allocation of funds for water system monitoring and testing requirements and lead service line replacement.

Resolution 28-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA support protection of public health, and the waters of the Commonwealth as a priority for federal and state regulators overseeing natural gas extraction.

Resolution 29-22

RESOLVED, That PMAA work with the Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. and the PA Public Utility Commission to implement Act 50 of 2017 to promote safety while recognizing the unique character of municipal authorities.

Resolution 30-22

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

Resolution 31-22

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.