



PMAA 2023 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly and the U.S. Congress to address water and wastewater infrastructure by providing the necessary funding annually to construct new water and wastewater systems, and to rebuild and repair aging water and wastewater systems.

Resolution 2-23

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 3-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation requiring ratepayer approval prior to the sale of a municipal authority to an investor-owned utility 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 4-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA support efforts to preserve public ownership of infrastructure by educating the ratepayer and the public about the benefits of publicly owned infrastructure, including delivering affordable, safe, and quality service, and ensuring the community understands the vital importance of public ownership of its natural resource, a basic human right.

Resolution 5-23

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 6-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislation or regulations considered to be unfunded mandates, unreasonable, redundant, conflictive, burdensome, and unprotective of authorities' ratepayers' health and security.

Resolution 7-23

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 8-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly and the U.S. Congress recognize the essential importance of safeguarding the state's public drinking water supplies and its citizens from contaminants via allocation of funds for water system monitoring, testing, and treatment requirements.

Resolution 9-23

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

Resolution 10-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA support protection of public health, and the waters of the Commonwealth as a priority for federal and state regulators overseeing industries that pollute our waterways and their practices.

Resolution 11-23

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

Resolution 12-23

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

Resolution 13-23

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

Resolution 14-23

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 15-23

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

Resolution 16-23

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 17-23

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 18-23

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 19-23

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 Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reductions prior to the 2017 and 2025 deadlines, should not be subject to further reductions while other sectors have not met either deadline.

Resolution 20-23

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

Resolution 21-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA 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 22-23

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 23-23

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

Resolution 24-23

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 25-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly to support legislation authorizing authorities to sell their excess energy to commercial, governmental, institutional, or industrial customers.

Resolution 26-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislation requiring state bonding, decommissioning, or other related constraints that may impede upon renewable energy development on authority owned land without performing a cost benefit analysis.

Resolution 27-23

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

Resolution 28-23

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

Resolution 29-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose statutory or regulatory mandates on operational and managerial functions, unless those mandates are thoroughly supported by a cost benefit analysis, and the mandates apply equally to investor-owned utilities.

Resolution 30-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA, in recognition of the fact that water and wastewater treatment plants are passive receivers of PFAS-compounds, support legislation, regulation, or policy that imposes the treatment cost of removing PFAS-related compounds from the Commonwealth's water on to PFAS manufacturers and other potentially responsible parties.

Resolution 31-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA, in recognition of the fact that water and wastewater treatment plants are passive receivers of PFAS-compounds, oppose legislation, regulation, or policy that causes PFAS-related compounds to be listed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), unless water and wastewater sludges are specifically exempted.

Resolution 32-23

RESOLVED, That PMAA support the rescission and repeal of Act 12 of 2016, fair market value legislation of water and wastewater systems.