



PMAA 2027 ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation repealing Act 12 of 2016, predatory pricing legislation (also erroneously known as Fair Market Value) of water and wastewater systems.

Resolution 2-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation reforming Act 12 of 2016, including but not limited to, a transparent acquisition process, substantial affirmative public benefit demonstration, ratepayer approval, and Independent Fiscal Office analysis.

Resolution 3-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation improving the ratemaking process by making it more inclusive and accessible for consumers, particularly when acquisitions and utility rate changes are being considered by the PA Public Utility Commission.

Resolution 4-27

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 5-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA, in recognition of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed Water System Restructuring Assessment Rule, oppose any preference for the transfer of ownership from municipal entities to privately-owned utilities.

Resolution 6-27

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 7-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation updating the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Law (PENNVEST) to include increasing funding caps, streamlining administration, and expanding eligibility criteria to address stormwater management and non-point source pollution.

Resolution 8-27

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 9-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation providing assistance and funding to municipal authorities for the implementation of new and necessary technologies, as well as employee training, to meet ongoing cybersecurity threats.

Resolution 10-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislation placing municipal authorities under the jurisdiction of the PA Public Utility Commission or any other private or public entity, other than as explicitly permitted under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act.

Resolution 11-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA oppose legislative or regulatory mandates, including but not limited to operational and managerial mandates, unless those mandates are thoroughly supported by a cost benefit analysis, and the mandates apply equally to any for-profit entity.

Resolution 12-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge that any safe drinking water requirements or effluent limits, including maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) or Health Advisory Levels (HALs) be proposed and/or promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the PA Department of Environmental Protection, rather than through legislation. Such mandates should be based on scientific research, health-based studies, cost/benefit analyses, and subject to public notice and comment.

Resolution 13-27

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 14-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA, in recognition of the fact that municipal authorities 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 those that use PFAS in commerce.

Resolution 15-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA, in recognition of the fact that municipal authorities are passive receivers of PFAS-compounds, urge the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that specifically exempts municipal authorities from Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) liability related to PFAS disposal and advance the "polluter pays" principle.

Resolution 16-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation, regulation, or policy that bans the use of class B firefighting foam containing PFAS-compounds, establishes an inventory and “take back” collection program, prohibits the donation of these materials, and require the use of a backflow prevention device whenever any firefighting chemical is connected to a public water system.

Resolution 17-27

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 18-27

RESOLVED, that PMAA work with the PA Department of Environmental Protection to develop reasonable and achievable water quality criteria for copper, recognizing that the primary source of copper in wastewater treatment plants is from domestic plumbing systems and that existing wastewater treatment systems are not designed or equipped to treat for copper.

Resolution 19-27

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

Resolution 20-27

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

Resolution 21-27

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

Resolution 22-27

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 23-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation that modernizes Pennsylvania’s public notice and advertising laws to include needed flexibility while retaining transparency and accountability.

Resolution 24-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation to significantly increase and annually adjust, based on inflation, the bidding and project thresholds which trigger wage payments in accordance with Pennsylvania’s Prevailing Wage Act, while opposing any expansion of the Act’s definition of “*public works*”.

Resolution 25-27

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, including PMAA's Future Leaders Committee and its established mentorship and scholarship programs, and similar programs operated by PMAA members, specifically in the area of water and wastewater utilities to ensure adequate numbers of certified operators and other water quality professionals in the future, and actively share these workforce development resources with partner agencies for potential replication and broader implementation.

Resolution 26-27

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 27-27

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 28-27

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 2027 deadlines, should not be subject to further reductions while other sectors have not met either deadline.

Resolution 29-27

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

Resolution 30-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support the beneficial reuse, including land application, of biosolids and other biosolids management technologies when conducted in compliance with applicable federal and state requirements, and support science- and risk-based approaches to addressing PFAS and other emerging contaminants that consider costs, benefits, feasibility, and impacts on municipal wastewater utilities and ratepayers; and further support legislative and regulatory oversight and approval of revisions to general permits issued by the PA Department of Environmental Protection as recommended by the PA Legislative Budget and Finance Committee study entitled HR 149: Proposed Revisions to Biosolids Permits.

Resolution 31-27

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 32-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation clarifying that all tax-exempt entities be subject to any applicable stormwater fee imposed by a municipal authority, which may include impervious surfaces as a property characteristic.

Resolution 33-27

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

Resolution 34-27

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 35-27

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

Resolution 36-27

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 37-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation allowing a municipality of any size or form of governance to establish a land bank.

Resolution 38-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation establishing a permanent Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program to provide ratepayers assistance in paying water and sewer bills.

Resolution 39-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA urge the PA General Assembly to consider water usage and the resiliency of community water systems in any policy proposals designed to incentivize the growth of the data center industry in Pennsylvania.

Resolution 40-27

RESOLVED, That PMAA support legislation establishing a Water Infrastructure Impact Fee for new data centers and other large water-demand users to ensure they contribute fairly toward required water infrastructure capacity and improvements, and support a mechanism to revisit and adjust any tapping fees, connection fees, or capacity charges when users expand beyond their original projected demand.