

will soon not be talking about the green agenda" to serving as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Council on Climate Protection. Other elected officials may need more time and information.

Moving toward green works best as a consensus process. We are able to do more because we are now expected to bring these ideas to the table. There is great support for all the strategies we inventory here and openness to the ones we have not seen yet.

TAKE COMFORT AND INSPIRATION FROM ICMA

Sustainability is ICMA's number one priority endorsed by its leader-

ship. Much a part of our management culture as devotion to fiscal responsibility and ethics.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE

Yes, there are some big challenges:

- Not everyone shares the same perspective, but the consensus for action is building.
- You can't believe everything you hear; this stuff is complex and some of it will change; yet we make many decisions with less than perfect certainty and there is a solid case for acting now.
- Long-term threats will compen-

date the numerous small actions that can lead to real results. You can volunteer for ICMA's Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee; state association initiatives; and numerous regional, state, and federal advisory groups.

Start making the many easy changes that make sense to you and your organization.

Recognize that this is likely to reach your in-basket whether you care about it or not. PM

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The Web site at <http://lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?wn1> provides resources on a

PM Web Resource

To find out more about tap water, visit the American Water Works Association Web site, Only Tap Water Delivers, at www.onlytapwaterdelivers.org. Here are some facts: