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RE: Possible Agenda Ideas - MN EQB Environmental Congress Mid-November 2023

- **Focus – Implementing our Minnesota Climate Action Framework**
 - Re-engaging diverse stakeholders & topic-based and regional networks as partners with state agencies in co-implementing our MN Climate Action Framework
- **When** – Mid-November, Half Day Event (possible follow-up virtual topic work group sessions)
- **Location/Co-Hosts** – Main Event in the Metro with three or more regional/remote locations.
 - **Metro Event** – could be Co-hosted by the Met Council, interested Metro Counties, and the six inter-agency climate goal teams and their nonprofit & utility/business partners.
 - **Regional Conference Sites** – could be hosted by interested Regional Development Commissions, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships CERT's Regions – with staff from state agencies based in each region.
- **Format** - primarily in person (with virtual option for overflow & the COVID cautious.) Careful planning is needed to facilitate effective large and small group participation in Hybrid events.
- **Plenary** speakers/presentations live streamed from a central location –
 - **Governor's welcome, intro and reminder of the role of the EQB**
 - **How is MN doing?** – update MPCA Climate Report Card for state (and related adaptation, economic and demographic trends.)
 - **Progress updates, opportunities for action & partnership invitations from the six inter-agency climate goal teams - Clean Energy & Efficient Buildings, Clean Transportation, Climate-Smart Natural and Working Lands, Resilient Communities, Healthy Lives and Communities and Clean Economy**
 - **Supporting local implementation** – update from MPCA and Met Council on their IRA EPA Carbon Pollution Reduction Work Plans and process for local units of government applying together or independently for EPA CPRP implementation grants.
- **Topic Break Outs** – facilitated by the six inter-agency climate goal teams - reviewing opportunities & brainstorming gaps, next steps for collaborative implementation. Regional events would have the same small group topics facilitated by local resource people –
 - **Clean Energy & Efficient Buildings,**
 - **Clean Transportation,**
 - **Climate-Smart Natural and Working Lands,**
 - **Resilient Communities,**
 - **Healthy Lives and Communities and**
 - **Clean Economy**
- **Regional Conversations** - reviewing opportunities & brainstorming gaps, next steps for collaborative implementation.