

COOL IDEA OF THE WEEK. California's Franchise Tax Board turned a lunch hour in a Green Fair, an event the FTB says gives workers the chance to learn "about conservation efforts and green options at work and home." The FTB brought in more than 30 vendors who demonstrated solar cookers, electric vehicles and other green products. Also, the FTB organized a recycling center where workers could bring their paper, batteries, ink cartridges, etc., for safe disposal. In publicizing the event, FTB took the opportunity to point out how its administrative green actions save state dollars, including a plan to reduce printing, to save energy by replacing CRT monitors with LCD monitors and special landscaping at its headquarters complex that filters runoff water, among other projects. The Green Fair is organized by five volunteers who call themselves the Green Team.