

# New water for the desert?

A consortium of private investors, led by IDE Technologies of Israel, wants Arizona to sign off on its proposal to build a \$5.5 billion seawater desalination plant on the Sea of Cortez near Puerto Peñasco in Sonora. The plant would ultimately produce up to 1 million acre-feet of water — as much as the Central Arizona Project delivers yearly to Arizona. The desalted water would be piped 200 miles into Arizona and poured into the CAP canal west of Phoenix for delivery to Arizona users.

