

This old 1984 photo shows what the desalination plan I proposed could look like. Of course the area between the Sea of Cortez, the mouth of the Colorado River and the Northern tip of Laguna Salada is now dry. The desal plants would be located at Laguna Salada, center left. Laguna Salada would receive the brine and become a "Dead Sea" recreation area. The salt water will come from the Sea of Cortez to Laguna Salada by canal/pipe. The fresh water will leave Laguna Salada by canal/pipe and connect with the New River near the California border.

A short term alternative can fill Laguna Salada with salt water and allow it to continue on to the Salton Sea without the desal component. This can be completed in three years, fill the Salton Sea and avoid the severe public health hazards of continuing the current policy of allowing the Sea to shrink and die. The cost is minimal and if spent will allow the State to avoid the serious liability problems stemming from the toxic dust blowing from the exposed "Playa" off the Salton Sea bottom.

Regards,
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