New life for Arizona projects
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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Arizona golf course construction industry has a pulse again.

One of the country’s largest water development systems is on-line and golf course projects — on hold for years because of lack of water — are lining up to buy into the new supply. As many as 14 new courses could be built now that non-potable water has started flowing from the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal north along Pima Road to the northern reaches of Scottsdale. That is prime golf course territory featuring the likes of Desert Mountain Properties, The Boulders, Troon North, Desert Highlands and the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale.

The $14 million Reclaimed Water Distribution System (RWDS) is the newest phase of the master plan, begun in the 1960s, to irrigate the West. Next up will be the 1995 startup of an effluent plant that will treat water from the major development area in north Scottsdale. That water will be reinserted into the pipeline.

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