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Suggestion to Consider: The entire Central Arizona Project canal system (336 miles) could be covered with solar panels. Not only would that generate electricity in an already disturbed site, it would also shade the water and thereby greatly reducing evaporation.

Prior to CAP construction, the Bureau of Reclamation studied the possibility of covering the canals to reduce evaporation and found the cost to be prohibitive. Covering with solar arrays would accomplish it without any taxpayer cost.