



(In my best Corky Carrol voice) "AIR-I-ZONA?!"

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You know when your local break gets invaded by inlanders, and you want to tell them to go back to the city, valley, or frat house?

Well now you can tell them to go out to the desert. And they'll happily oblige. You might even follow them.



Courtesy Waveyard

Waveyard. Bringing wave's to your backyard. If your backyard is in Mesa, Arizona.

designed to attract those whose passions lie in the natural world. But a recent Waveyard press release boasts eco-conscious technologies. Waveyard estimates that its water usage would be the same as an 18-hole golf course. (Did I mention that golf is not only lame but wasteful?)

It's projected to bring \$5 million in revenue to Mesa, each year and provide over 7,000 permanent jobs, while using a mere one quarter of one percent of the city's water supply.

There aren't many specs yet, like wave size, shape, or water displacement, but if you dive deep in the site, you find that Waveyard's contractors, [Liquid Evolution Adventure Parks](#), (yeah LEAP) is claiming the most powerful and efficient wave-producing technology available.

The Ron Jon Surf Park in Florida that we've been hearing about in Florida is nowhere near completion. The last [update on the website](#) was 2006. And that Xanadu plan for the swamps of Jersey, the one that boasted an indoor ski area and skatepark in addition to the wave pool, seems to be [boasting a flowrider instead](#).

Groundbreaking is slated for 2009. The whole shebang might be done by 2012, which means that if Tempe's [Rick Kane](#) makes a comeback, he will be 43 when he slashes his next artificial wave.

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Apparently, [Waveyard](#), a massive action-sports complex got the [go ahead](#) from the town of [Mesa, Arizona](#) to break ground.

The plans are for an elaborate theme park, complete with the largest wavepool in the US, as well as white water rafting, kayaking, scuba lagoon, wakeboard park, indoor water slides, retail site, and complete resort facility.

I'd imagine that purists and environmentalists would question the ecological obtrusiveness of a project



Courtesy Waveyard

This is an artist's rendering. Apparently, this artist surfs.



Jon Coen

Jon Coen - "I don't really like the word "blog.""

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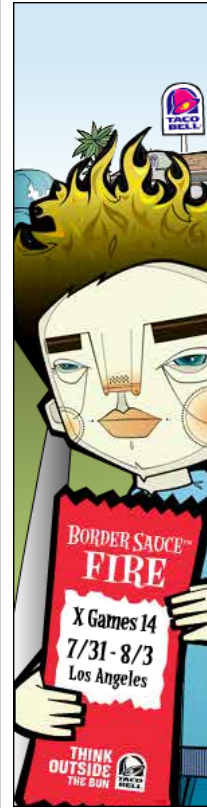
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