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WRA Statement on Release of Clean Energy Vision Report

Today, a new report has been released, "[Western Grid 2050: Contrasting Futures, Contrasting Fortunes](#)," that charts a course for a clean energy future for the West. The report outlines the benefits of a sustainable future with increased jobs and better public health compared to a business-as-usual approach. As a participant in the report's development, Western Resource Advocates (WRA) releases the following statement about this significant new vision for a productive, prosperous, healthier, and secure American West:

"The Western Grid 2050 report provides, for the first time since Western Resource Advocates' 2004 Balanced Energy Plan, a credible, well-researched vision of contrasting environmental and economic futures for the West. We must take the bull by the horns, making choices that empower the West to be competitive in the global renewable energy business while creating a clean, safe environment. Otherwise, we will allow inertia and 'business as usual' to drive our slide into mediocrity."

Gary Graham
Western Resource Advocates, Transmission Project Director

[In a press release about the report's unveiling](#), Former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter concurs:

"In my time as Governor, Colorado saw tremendous benefit from our commitment to clean energy. I call on Western state policymakers to similarly prioritize clean energy and to reach across state lines to help build a stronger energy future for the West. We can't afford to wait for Washington, nor should we. The West is the land of frontiers, of pioneers and innovation. Let's make good on that heritage. Let's break with business-as-usual and build a more prosperous, safe, and sustainable energy future."

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The report, its executive summary, and other supporting information, can be seen by visiting the Clean Energy Vision website at <http://www.cleanenergyvision.org/>

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