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Additionally, to assure that the SWRCB is prepared for another dry year in 2015, the SWRCB will convene meetings with stakeholders in various watersheds over the next six months to provide input and come to further agreement on how the SWRCB can most effectively implement and enforce the water rights priority system in future dry years. The primary objective is to instill confidence between the SWRCB and the water users affected by these decisions that the SWRCB has the appropriate technical tools and analysis for making determinations on water availability relative to water rights priority. The Executive Director and staff will provide this report with recommendations to the Board by January 31, 2015.

As part of this process, the SWRCB staff and stakeholders will: 1) review the SWRCB January 1978 "Dry Year Program" and its recommendations for enforcing the water rights priority system; 2) review the 2014 curtailment and complaint process; 3) perform a thorough QA/QC of the water rights database that will include both post-1914 water rights and statements (riparian and pre-1914), as well as verifying these water rights in relation to both the 1978 Dry Year Report and the statewide planning models; and 4) explore opportunities to expand database capabilities so the SWRCB can sort water rights by watershed and priority to assist with the "end of curtailment."