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All States to report on water resources

KUALA TERENGGANU, Wed. - Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, who is chairman of the Council of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers, said today that all States would be required to present reports on water resources at the council's next meeting.

He said a meeting would be held next month between the council and the National Water Council.

The actual date of the meeting is yet to be announced by the Works Ministry.

"The inaugural NWC meeting is expected to be chaired by either Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad or his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim."

"Terengganu has three main water resources, namely rivers, lakes and underground springs and this information will be presented in the coming meeting," he told reporters today at Wisma Darul Iman.

To a question on yesterday's meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers held at Wisma Promet in Kuala Lumpur, Wan Mokhtar said a paper by the National Water Council was presented and most of the items in it were approved.

Wan Mokhtar said the price of water would be standardised as both councils had to consider the cost of building pipelines to channel water from States with excess supply to those facing a shortage.

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