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WATER COUNCIL TO HOLD FIRST MEETING NEXT MONTH

IPOH, May 17 (Bernama) -- The National Water Council (NWC) will hold its first meeting next month, Works Minister Datuk Seri S Samy Vellu said today.

He said that the date would be fixed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his capacity as NWC chairman.

The meeting agenda would include the envisaged inter-state cooperation to help the federal government plan for water reticulation to alleviate the problem of states faced with water shortage.

Samy Vellu, who was met after presenting Koperasi Didik Bhd share certificates to members here, said the meeting would also discuss the role of state governments in identifying the new water sources in the respective states.

The Cabinet approved the NWC formation last April 29 as a coordinating body for water supply and distribution nationwide, following the water crisis, the worst being in Selangor.

Samy Vellu also said the views and decision of Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers of the various states at their forthcoming meeting would also be submitted to the NWC for its study.

On Koperasi Didik, Samy Vellu said the cooperative formed by MIC three months ago had been successful in accumulating RM2.5 million.

Samy Vellu expected the cooperative to attract over 100,000 members by the year end with a RM100 million share capital.

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