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Minister and MP for La Brea Joins WASA Officials Plant & Community Tour

Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities and Member of Parliament for La Brea, Clyde Elder, joined Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) acting CEO, Jeevan Joseph and members of the Executive Evolution Team, on a tour of several communities in his constituency to determine the supply needs and for an assessment of the Carapal Water Treatment Plant on Saturday August 9, 2025.

At the onset of the tour, MP Elder underscored that the primary purpose of the exercise was to bring relief to the people of La Brea, not only as it relates to their water supply, but also to their standard of living. He noted that there are areas in his La Brea constituency that do not have a pipe borne water supply which the Authority must address.

The Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities emphasized that he understands that there are areas where relief can be realized quickly, while in others it may take a bit longer. However, he asserted that measures must be put in place to ensure water reaches all households.

The tour began in Rousillac, with Councillor for Otaheite/Rousillac, Javed Mohammed, leading the team to the Sultanville and Farm Road areas in Rousillac, where customers have been appealing for a distribution pipeline to be installed, in order to improve the reliability of their service. While meeting with residents of Sultanville, Acting CEO Joseph assured that the required 300 metres of 4-inch diameter pipeline will be installed within six weeks.

The WASA team also indicated that they would collaborate further with the Siparia Regional Corporation regarding the road infrastructure necessary to undertake the Farm Road pipeline project.

The team then proceeded to La Brea and met with Councillor for Brighton/Vessigny, Jillon Lewis, who highlighted several communities that had no water supply or poor supply from long service connections. Some of these areas include Brighton Cato Trace, Mustard Seed Trace, John Charles Trace, and Cruise Field Road. The WASA team gave a commitment that over the next six months, the necessary pipeline installation projects will be completed in these areas, in order to bring relief to the residents.

At James Street, Palo Seco, the team of WASA officials that included members of the Board of Commissioners also met with residents who explained that while pipelines were installed in the community since 2008, they have not been receiving a pipe borne water supply. Mr. Joseph pledged that a pipeline project will be undertaken within the coming three months, as a short-term measure to supply the James Street area. A more comprehensive project to address the supply challenges to the entire Beach Camp area, will however take place in the medium-term.

The final stop on the tour was at the Carapal Water Treatment Plant, where Mr. Elder and Councillor for Erin, Arlene Ramdeo received details on ongoing works to develop three new production wells that would boost production at the facility by approximately 500,000 gallons per day. The WASA

team gave the assurance that this will lead to an improved level of service to communities from Erin to Santa Flora, including Palo Seco, Carapal and Los Iros. At the conclusion of the tour both MP Elder and Councillor Ramdeo thanked the WASA team for their commitment to engage with them and residents with respect to understanding and addressing the existing water supply issues impacting these communities.

The WASA Executive Evolution Team Regional Plant and Community Tour has been ongoing since June 2025, with the aim of assessing infrastructural requirements and water supply challenges, particularly in underserved communities throughout the country.



L-R: Councillor for Erin, Arlene Ramdeo; Minister in the Ministry of Public Utilities and Member of Parliament for La Brea, Clyde Elder; acting CEO, Jeevan Joseph; and Head Operations South West, Maria John, as they concluded the site visit to the Carapal Water Treatment Plant.

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