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Parliament Engages Stakeholders to Provide Water for Thunder Hill and Looking Town Communities

In order to help Guma Valley Water Company to supply pipe borne water to Thunder Hill and Looking Town communities at Kissy in the Eastern part of Freetown, the Parliamentary Committee on Water Resources chaired by Hon. Sualiho Koroma on Friday 17th April 2015, engaged stakeholders of both communities at the Committee Room One, House of Parliament, in order to chart the way forward for the construction of a water dam for the two communities.

The engagement according to the Chairman of the Committee was to pave the way for the protection of Guma's catchment areas. The Chairman noted that the water project was vital for the communities and urged stakeholders to see the need to join hands to actualize the dream of the project for these communities.

The General Manger of Guma Valley Water Company, Mr. Bankole Mansaray, commended the Parliamentary Committee for the engagement, whilst observing that for far too long, the Thunder Hill water project has been inactive due to land grabbing and deforestation. He noted that the Company was ready to provide water for the whole community but as a Company, they needed a guarantee from the people that they would protect the land around the water catchment areas.

Representing Ministry of Lands, the Deputy Director of Lands Mr. Fayia Alpha, assured the Committee Members that the Ministry of Lands would do all it takes to protect the land provided by the community to Guma Valley Water Company.

Councillors, Chiefs, Youth Leaders and Members of Parliament of both constituencies 100 and 101 promised this time to work together with Guma to provide safe drinking water for both Thunder Hill and Looking Town communities.