**Transcription of Diary**

Pseudonym: Carolina

Time during which the diary was held: 27 January 2023 - 20 February 2023

\*Extra entries in other sheets of paper that came with the diary in which Carolina writes some information with some other dates

Additional notes: Carolina kept the diary for approximately one month, but told me that she did not have too much time to write in it. Apart from an entry in which she writes about memories of living in Santo Domingo, she gave me a timeline with other memories and key dates about the struggle for water in this neighbourhood.

TRANSCRIPTION

**Memories**

When I first knew the current colonia Pedregal de Santo Domingo in 1974, the streets were already laid out, only their nomenclature was different, each one had the name of a historical event or a hero of Mexico.

I live in the street that has been called "Árbol" since 1976.

We neighbours used to meet to agree on the necessary work to improve the streets, the land was still very irregular, the soil had to be filled in or the protruding rocks had to be removed, water services were also needed, there was no network, and electricity was provisional with cables that were connected to the poles of the Ajusco colony. The wind would knock them down or they would be stolen, and if they did work, the light was pale and intermittent.

The water was distributed to us by means of water trucks, metal tanks painted on the inside and with a sign on the outside were placed in the street, in the order that had already been agreed upon, and from there everyone carried it to their homes using water carriers and cans; as there was not enough, we had to go to the Ajusco neighbourhood to queue up with cans and water carriers to make a few trips. Some even bought it from a man who transported it on a donkey.

For the pipe, one person was responsible on a rotating basis for collecting a small fee for the driver and his assistant.

When the water truck did not arrive, it was requested in Huayamilpas, and on some occasions the desperation for water meant that the truck was boarded at its base or intercepted on the road to force the driver to take it to where he was told to take it.

We have suffered this situation of lack of water at different times, even when the water network was already installed.

Approximately in 2003-2004, in the upper part of the colony, we had no water for about 6 months. This situation has been repeated in recent years (more or less 6).

(The scarcity of water in the central and upper zones meant that the neighbours first went in small groups to SACMEX in Xotepingo to ask for water trucks).

An Assembly in 2016 set up a sit-in on 29 April at Av. Aztecas 215 due to the fracture of the ground that causes water to spill into the drainage system through hoses.

With the installation of the sit-in they demanded: the cancellation of the work on Av. Aztecas 215 (cancellation of the mega-projects of death), expropriation of the land for public utility, a definitive solution to the water shortage, and the definitive cancellation of the Zodes Cuidad del Futuro (City of the Future).

In this encampment, many activities were carried out in defence of the water (shallow aquifer) and it was there where, when there was a lack of water in the houses of Santo Domingo, the neighbours began to meet and gather to go to Xotepingo to ask for water pipes, they would meet among themselves and someone from the encampment would accompany them.

In the assemblies that took place at the encampment, it was insisted that the authorities should give answers to the problems caused by the work on Aztecas 215, and at the work tables it became evident that the authorities were not interested in attending to the need for drinking water in the hydraulic network to supply the homes.

At these working groups, minutes were drawn up for the attention of the authorities: SACMEX, Delegation, Government of the city, CONAGUA, SEDEMA.

With the residents of the neighbourhoods that were members of the Assembly, visits were scheduled by neighbourhood to check tanks, wells and valves. It became evident that the *pipas* were used for political purposes, as they requested people’s vote credentials through some intermediaries. These visits also demonstrated the lack of water in the network despite the fact that the representatives of the delegation said that there was, and that the provision of water with trucks was insufficient and they had to resort to private trucks to try to cover the requests.

They came up with different excuses to justify the water shortage and were given proposals to solve it.

The Assembly proposed to maintain the wells, change the pumps for others with more power, continue to make rounds and build a new well, which began in 2017.

The members of the assembly took it upon themselves to be present on the tours and to invite more neighbours.

**Extra sheet with timeline and important organisational dates**

October 23 2019

5pm Meeting with SEDEMA, Aztecas construction site. Results of hydrological study of the damage caused to the shallow aquifer. The study will be reviewed by specialists from SEDEMA, PAOT, UNAM, and the neighbours.

October 29, 2019

Working table en Alcaldía 10:40 at the Kiosko Comisión y Apoyo.

The meeting at the DIF at 13 hrs is moved to next Tuesday to those who were going to attend are in the Mayor's Office.

DIF The well is repaired

November 6, 2019

5 pm Meeting with students to talk about the fight for water

November 7, 2019

4pm Students will do interview about the water struggle, photos, tools, testimonies are requested.

November 8, 2019

Friday - Community Mural from 3 to 5 pm. Fuerza corner with Llave.

November 27, 2019

Meeting at City Hall. Working table 12:50 at Kiosko de Coyoacán with Citizen Participation - Postponed.

December 2, 2019

There has been NO water on Llave street since 29 November. Neither in Cueva, between Coatl and Tochtli. Neither in Cactus, between Tetl and Atl (approxxi).

Still no water? It's already falling, comrade A checked it.

December 30, 2019

Another week without water. It's coming back on the network between 15 and 17 hrs.

January 27th, 2020

Working meeting with the Mayor's Office of Coyoacán. At 10:40 a.m. The issue of the construction of the water well and the illegalities in Aztecas 215 will be discussed.

The mayor's office manages the valves as it pleases.

In Cactus, there is water from 15 to 16:41.

January 23 and 28, 2020

They send water support to a school (from the Mayor).

January 28, 2020

They inform that the CU well will be repaired by the end of the month. Engineer T, Head of Drinking Water Unit, will support with water trucks for those who do not get water on the days of tandeo call number to request to inform if the street is closed and if they use all or only half of the truck.

February 10, 2020

Delivery of official letters to the Head of Government

4 pm Meeting with the General Coordinator of SACMEX and SEDEMA

Political use of water

Water shortages

Impunity and damage to the aquifer in Aztecas 215

February 13, 2020

Notes in REFORMA Inscriptions to 3 social programmes - many hours

20 February, 2020

Global Day in Defence of Territory and Mother Earth. March from Aztecas to Parroquia and forum

February 23, 2020

A week without water

February 25, 2020

Action to request water pipes. 8:30 in Xotepingo. Some arrived late.

5pm Meeting with officials. Carry posters. List of requests for water trucks was made.

February 27, 2020

5pm Tlahuilli and Coatl.

Information regarding the work table with SACMEX and the MAYOR'S OFFICE, and the demonstration on February 10.

February 28, 2020

8am at SACMEX in Xotepingo, they send pipes.

On February 28, 2020, we had a meeting in Llave street. Some reporters came. Neighbours denounce water shortages. Live broadcast on television (Channel 6).

February 29, 2020

In February 29, neighbours from the streets Fuerza, Patos, Arbol, Cueva and Llave join the group. Will support the well for Santo Domingo. We formed a Commission for a meeting at SACMEX. Pilar, Sandra and her husband are there.

March 1, 2020

MONITORING resumes

March 3, 2020

Notice of meeting Thursday 5 March 11 am. Working table at SACMEX.

Water well for Santo Domingo

Supply in the network and problem of Aztecas 215.

MAP with the streets without water will be taken and delivered. Urgent demand will be made for supply in the network.

March 4, 2020

Photo Map

March 6, 2020

Assembly. Invite more neighbours to the Commission.

8pm report on the results of the work table. Actions will be decided for SACMEX and Alcaldía to resolve the water shortage.

11 am at the key of Atl con Arbol for tour where there is NO water (8pm ASSEMBLY) When there are many they open the valves, they even opened them on the tour at 14:30.

Notices of where they arrived will be mapped with the streets with water to know where they manipulate the valves.

M and also R as part of the authorities.