

Groundwater Banking Program Site Alternatives Analysis Evaluation*Mojave Water Agency | June 2021 – December 2021*

Ms. Gilbert managed various technical experts, as well as prepared the final analysis for nine areas, each between 100 to 2,000 acres in which to develop several State Water Project banking projects for groundwater storage and recovery. Compass evaluated each of the areas as an “opportunities and constraints” analysis using the CEQA Guidelines checklist as a guide for evaluation as to potential environmental impacts. Compass also designed and managed the technical studies which included both literature and field review for biological, cultural, and tribal concerns, and Compass conducted independent database review for agriculture, hazardous waste, faults, liquefaction, and fire hazards. The report was adopted by the MWA board in January 2022, and is being used along side the engineering studies for percolation, geotechnical, and other engineering studies to determine which site(s) would be more suitable for a banking project.

Various Clients*June 2020 to Present*

Ms. Gilbert currently provides contract services to several small and mid-sized environmental consulting firms, providing lead author/technical writing services for various environmental documents ranging from CEQA Exemption Justifications to Initial Studies and Environmental Impact Reports, along with QA/QC of the associated technical studies. For document QA/QC, Ms. Gilbert conducts independent fact-checking of subconsultant technical studies as well as editing for project description consistency among all of the technical studies. Lead Preparer/ Lead Environmental Manager include but are not limited to:

- Environmental Impact Report, San Marino Center Improvements - ELMT Consulting
- Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declarations for three separate warehouses, City of Perris – Sagecrest Environmental + Planning
- Iowa Street Warehouse, City of Redlands – Lilburn Corporation

Fairway Plaza Shopping Center Specific Plan Amendment No. 2 and Initial Study Amendment*City of LaQuinta | August 2020*

Ms. Gilbert worked with the City Planners and the Lundin Development Company and authored the amended Specific Plan and 1999 Initial Study to address modifications for the 12.5-acre site at the corner of Jefferson Street and 50th Avenue. Lundin worked extensively with the City to develop an aesthetically-pleasing development due to community opposition. Despite the community opposition, Ms. Gilbert’s detailed analysis in the revised Initial Study led to the project being successfully adopted.

Proponent’s Environmental Assessment (PEA) - Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line, Southern California Edison (SCE)*Public Utilities Commission | 2013*

Managed the preparation of this complex licensing compliance document to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on behalf of SCE to install approximately 8 miles of towers and conductor. This was a unique project in that SCE had prior approval to construct the project but due to public controversy after construction, the CPUC directed SCE to provide a full application package and re-analyze the constructed portions as well as those portions yet to be constructed. Ms. Gilbert led the project team in preparing a complex document and analysis that met both the CPUC and CEQA Guidelines, current environmental law, and addressed the public’s concerns. The analysis was successfully approved by the CPUC, which subsequently utilized the PEA as the basis for its Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports.

San Marino Center Improvements: Environmental Impact Report*City of San Marino | January 2021 to June 2022*

Ms. Gilbert was the lead writer/preparer for the CEQA Initial Study and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the City of San Marino’s proposed renovation of its 15,720 square-foot San Marino Center (SMC), a historical resource listed on the State Register of Historic Resources, and eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The City’s proposed Spanish-Mediterranean style building treatment was inconsistent with the Secretary of Interior’s standards for renovating a National Register eligible building and therefore constituted a significant effect under CEQA. Ms. Gilbert arranged for a historic architect to prepare a technical memo that discussed architectural modifications that would be consistent with the Secretary’s Standards, and therefore, constitute a less than significant impact. The City, and the community, accepted this as a suitable alternative for the Project. For the Initial Study and EIR, Ms. Gilbert managed all technical subconsultants to prepare all studies and worked with the City’s legal staff to address the non-CEQA community issues in the EIR in a manner that would demonstrate to the community that the City was listening, but also comply with the CEQA thresholds. The EIR was adopted June 8, 2022.

