

Michael Washam, ACE

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Michael Washam is the Associate Director of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) and Director of the Economic Development Office (EDO). Over the past 20 years, he has led transformative efforts to attract business, streamline permitting, and implement policies that have reshaped unincorporated communities across the county. His leadership has driven growth across 40+ rural communities, ensuring they are not left behind. His ability to navigate complex projects while remaining committed to small businesses makes him a standout leader in California's Central Valley. He was recently recognized as a 2025 Local Economic Development Champion by the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED). He's also been reappointed to the Director 3 Seat on the Tulare County Water Commission.

Michael has a bachelors in Business administration and management from Cal Poly Pomona. Michael is also a member of the inaugural Spring 2020 cohort of the Accredited Certified Economic Developer (or "ACE") program offered by CALED and the CA Academy for Economic Development.