

## LARRY COPE BIOGRAPHY

*Larry Cope* is the Director of Economic Development for the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) in Sonora, California. The TCEDA is a joint partnership between Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora. He is responsible for the retention and recruitment of businesses for Tuolumne County. He is currently the Chairman of the Central Sierra Economic Partnership, a regional group of Economic Development Organizations including: Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono and Tuolumne Counties. He currently serves on the Tuolumne County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Board as well as the new (Tuolumne County) Business Alliance Advisory Board.

Mr. Cope also serves as a board member and treasurer of the California Downtown Association, a board member of both the California Academy for Economic Development, and the California Association of Local Economic Development (CALED). Prior to his position in Sonora, he served as Executive Director of the Gilroy Economic Development Corporation in Gilroy, California, and as the Chairman of the Board for both the Silicon Valley Economic Development Alliance and the Central Coast Marketing Team.

He has also served as Executive Director for the Junction City-Geary County Economic Development Commission in Junction City-Geary County-Fort Riley, Kansas from 2001 to 2005 and as Executive Director for the Jefferson County Economic Development Commission in Oskaloosa, Kansas from 1996 to 2001.

He is a 2007 Graduate of the California Downtown Association Institute, 2003 graduate of the Community Development Institute, 2001 graduate of the Economic Development Institute, and a 2001 graduate of the National Development Council's Economic Development Finance Professional Institute. He holds national certifications as a Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED), an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP), and a Certified Downtown Professional (CDP).

Currently, Mr. Cope teaches technology and e-marketing at various conferences in California. He has taught marketing at the Economic Development Institute in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and advanced community and economic development studies at the Community Development Institute in Conway, Arkansas. He was a guest speaker at Kansas State University on economic development from 2002-2005. During his fourteen years in economic development, he has served on many regional economic development partnerships, statewide economic development organizations, local and statewide downtown development organizations and numerous local and regional loan boards.

He is married to Kimberly Teter-Cope who currently holds a management level position with Habitat for Humanity in Tuolumne County.