

STANFORD ESCHNER

Stanford Eschner, a native of Los Angeles, was raised in Santa Monica and attended UCLA, receiving a B.A. in geology in 1954 and an M.A. in 1958. He and his family have lived in Bakersfield for more than 55 years.

Following graduation, Mr. Eschner was a geologist in the Army Corp of Engineers with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant from 1955 to 1957, followed by three years with Shell Oil Company as a production geologist where he discovered and developed the prolific Belgian Anticline PML Oceanic sand oil pool. He joined Occidental Petroleum Corporation in 1961 and in 1977 was promoted to Vice President - Manager of Domestic Operations for Occidental.

During his career with Oxy, Mr. Eschner was involved in the successful exploration of approximately 50 domestic oil and gas fields and lots of dry holes. His most meaningful early discoveries in California included the East Beverly Hills, Sawtelle and Beta oil fields. He elected to take early retirement from Occidental in August 1983 and co-founded Trio Petroleum LLC in October of that same year. Trio's current activities are centered in California including Lynch Canyon Oil Field, the subject of this talk.

Mr. Eschner is a registered geologist of the State of California. He has been an active member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists for 60 years and is also an active member of the Pacific Section of the AAPG, holding various offices including that of president. At the 1995 annual meeting he was made an honorary lifetime member of the Association. He is currently a director of the San Joaquin Valley Section of the California Independent Petroleum Association.

In addition to his profession-related affiliations, Mr. Eschner is a member of the Cal State University Bakersfield Gold Wave, Bakersfield Racquet Club, Stockdale Country Club and Rotary Club. He is Past President and a current member of both the California Living Museum Foundation and the Bakersfield Museum of Art.