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BLACK GOLD IN CALIFORNIA: THE OTHER GOLD RUSH?

California is known for the Gold Rush, but a much more prolific resource played a central role in making California the economic powerhouse it is today: Oil. This is the story of the transformation of a small, agrarian state into what is today's number three oil producer in the US, and the risk-taking, hard work, and innovating spirit of the entrepreneurs – and geologists -- who made it happen. It is a classic story of how science can contribute to industry and modern society.



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