UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 17, 2016

Occidental Petroleum Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-9210 (Commission File Number) 95-4035997 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110 Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77046 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (713) 215-7000

Not Applicable e or Former Address, if Changed Since

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 17, 2016, Occidental Petroleum Corporation (the "Company") agreed to pay out Mr. Chazen's accrued but unused vacation in connection with the previously announced transition of the CEO role from Mr. Chazen to Ms. Hollub, which will take effect at the Company's 2016 annual shareholder meeting. The cash payment will be based on his base salary as in effect immediately prior to the 2016 annual meeting and will be paid to Mr. Chazen as soon as administratively practicable following the date of the 2016 annual meeting.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Occidental Petroleum Corporation

/s/ Jennifer M. Kirk

Name: Jennifer M. Kirk Title: Vice President and Controller

DATED: February 18, 2016