

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4

August 29, 2014

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Varlas Lori A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET
COMPANY, 1340 TREAT
BOULEVARD, SUITE 600

(Street)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
[CENT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/27/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP, CFO and Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	08/27/2014		S		5,065	D \$ 9.1359 <u>(1)</u>	47,578	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/27/2014		M ⁽²⁾		1,000	A \$ 6.43	48,578	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/27/2014		F ⁽³⁾		820	D \$ 9.05	47,758	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. I Der Sec (In
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.43	08/27/2014		M	1,000	<u>(4)</u>	03/31/2019	Class A Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Varlas Lori A.
C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY
1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

SVP, CFO and Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Lori A.
Varlas 08/29/2014

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$9.11 to \$9.151. Mrs. Varla undertakes that she will provide, upon
- (1) request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.
- (2) Options exercised through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b-5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
- (3) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales price on the date of exercise.
 - (4) On August 12, 2013, the Reporting Person was granted an option to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning March 31, 2014.

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