CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHICHESTER DAVID N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

[CENT]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

12/06/2016

(Street)

(Middle)

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

1340 TREAT BLVD. STE 600

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	12/06/2016		M	8,500	A	\$ 12.32	24,922	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/06/2016		F <u>(1)</u>	3,435	D	\$ 30.49	21,487	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/06/2016		M	4,848	A	\$ 13.75	26,335	D	
Class A Common	12/06/2016		F(1)	2,187	D	\$ 30.49	24,148	D	

Stock

Common Stock

2,804 D

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op f 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.32	12/06/2016		M	8,500	(2)	08/17/2020	Class A Common Stock	8,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.75	12/06/2016		M	4,848	(3)	08/09/2019	Class A Common Stock	4,848

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CHICHESTER DAVID N 1340 TREAT BLVD. STE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X					

Signatures

/s/ David N. Chichester

**Signature of Reporting Date Person

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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).
- (1) Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price incurred upon the above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales prices on the date of the exercise.
- (2) The options vested upon the first to occur of termination of employment by the Company (other than for cause) or the expiration of six months after commencement of employment.
- (3) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 9, 2016 the date of the grant.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1: Power of Attorney

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