

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESFiled pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Machek Howard

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
SymbolCENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
[CENT]3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

03/17/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Chief Accounting Officer6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	03/17/2017		M		5,000	A	\$ 6.43 22,625
Class A Common Stock	03/17/2017		F ⁽¹⁾		2,455	D	\$ 34.93 20,170
Units							1,951 I

By 401(k)
Plan ⁽²⁾

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. 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)	\$ 6.43	03/17/2017		M	5,000	<u>(3)</u>	03/31/2019	Class A Common Stock	5,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Machek Howard
C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY
1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Jonte, as Attorney-in-Fact for Howard
Machek

03/21/2017

__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).

Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the

(1) 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 exercise.

(2) The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consists of shares of CENTA stock and cash.

(3) Options were granted on August 12, 2013 and all shares are vested & exercisable.

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