

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>NOVOTNY GLENN W</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CENTRAL GARDEN &amp; PET CO [CENT]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Pres./ Chief Executive Officer</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>03/09/2006</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <b>WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597</b>						(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. 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			
Common Stock	03/09/2006		M		5,000	A	\$ 21.74	126,148	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2006		F(L)		1,314	D	\$ 51.04	124,834	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S		500	D	\$ 50.69	124,334	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S		86	D	\$ 50.75	124,248	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S		92	D	\$ 50.78	124,156	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S		508	D	\$ 50.79	123,648	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S		300	D	\$ 50.85	123,348	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S		2,200	D	\$ 50.86	121,148	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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.74	03/09/2006		M		5,000	08/10/2005	08/10/2006	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 0	20,000	D

## Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NOVOTNY GLENN W 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X		Pres./ Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ By Nadine MacPhail, as Attorney-in-Fact for Glenn W. Novotny		03/13/2006
 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).
- (1) Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the above-reported exercise of options.

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