FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| | sponses) | enorting Person * | | 2 Jeen | or Ma | mea | nd Tieke | r or T | rading | Symbol | 1 | 5 | Relationshir | of Reporti | ng Person(s) | to Issuer | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|--------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------------|------------|--|--|
| | Name and Address of Reporting Person* Yuhas George A. | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2015 | | | | | | | | | Director10% Owner X | | | | | | |
| WALNUT CR | REEK, C | (Street) CA 94597 | | 4. If Am | endr | nent, | Date Orig | ginal l | Filed(M | onth/Day/ | Year) | | _ Form filed by | One Reporting | p Filing(Check Person Reporting Person | | ine) | | |
| (City) | | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| , | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. | (Instr. 8) | | | ties Acquisposed of 4 and 5) | of (D) O | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Cod | le | V A | mount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Class A Comm | non Sto | ck | 09/28/2015 | | | | М | [| 3 | 2,000 | A | \$ 9.26 | 3,146 | | | D | | | |
| Class A Common Stock 09/28/2015 | | | 09/28/2015 | | | F ⁽¹ | Ŋ | 2 | 3,305 | D | \$ 16.4 5 | 59,841 | | | D | | | | |
| Terminder: Report | on a sept | and the for each | class of securities l | Derivat | ive S | Secur | ities Acq | P ir d uired | erson n this f isplay | s who form and s a cunt | re not re rrently v | equired to valid OM eficially O | o respond B control r | unless the | tion contain e form | ned SEC | 1474 (9-02 | | |
| Derivative Conversion | | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Nu Transaction of Do Code Secu (Instr. 8) Acqu or Di of (D | | umber erivative urities uired (A) isposed D) r. 3, 4, | 6. D Expi | ions, convertible securi late Exercisable and iration Date inth/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s | Owners Form o Derivat Security Direct (or Indir | Owners (Instr. 4 | | | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | e rcisable | Expira Date | ation | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4 | ·) | | |
| | | 09/28/2015 | | М | | | 32,000 | | <u>(2)</u> | 04/13 | 3/2017 | Class A | A 32,000 | \$ 0 | 18,000 | D | | | |

Other

10%

Owner

Officer

General Counsel

Director

Signatures

Yuhas George A.

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

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| /s/ George A. Yuhas | 09/28/2015 |
| Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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

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. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales prices on the date of the exercise.
- On April 13, 2011, the Issuer's Compensation Committee granted the reporting person an option to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The option vests in (2) five equal annual installments beginning April 13, 2012 based on the satisfaction of certain annual performance targets for each of the fiscal years ending September 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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