#### CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4 May 15, 2017

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Reed Michael A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
			[CENT]	(Cheek all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET			05/11/2017	below) below)  Executive Vice President			
COMPANY, SUITE 600	1340 TREA	Γ BLVD,					
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
WILLIAM CI	CLLIN, CITY			Person			

(City)	(State) (	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2017		S	7,557	D	\$ 33.41 (1)	142,558	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2017		M	6,250	A	\$ 6.43	148,808	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2017		F(2)	3,328	D	\$ 33.1	145,480	D	

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Class A Common Stock	05/11/2017	M	6,250	A	\$ 10.63	151,730	D
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2017	F(2)	3,788	D	\$ 33.1	147,942	D
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2017	M	6,250	A	\$ 13.82	154,192	D
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2017	F(2)	4,138	D	\$ 33.1	150,054	D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2017	M	6,250	A	\$ 6.43	156,304	D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2017	F(2)	3,323	D	\$ 33.33	152,981	D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2017	M	6,250	A	\$ 10.63	159,231	D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2017	F(2)	3,780	D	\$ 33.33	155,451	D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2017	M	6,250	A	\$ 13.82	161,701	D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2017	F(2)	4,127	D	\$ 33.33	157,574	D
Class A Common Stock	05/12/2017	S	7,550	D	\$ 33 (3)	150,024	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	De
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Se

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Class A Common Stock	\$ 6.43	05/11/2017		M	6,	,250	<u>(4)</u>	03/31/2019	Class A Common Stock	6,250	
Class A Common Stock	\$ 6.43	05/12/2017		M	6,	,250	<u>(4)</u>	03/31/2019	Class A Common Stock	6,250	
Class A Common Stock	\$ 10.63	05/11/2017		M	6,	,250	<u>(5)</u>	03/31/2021	Class A Common Stock	6,250	
Class A Common Stock	\$ 10.63	05/12/2017		M	6,	,250	<u>(5)</u>	03/31/2021	Class A Common Stock	6,250	
Class A Common Stock	\$ 13.82	05/11/2017		M	6,	,250	<u>(6)</u>	01/29/2022	Class A Common Stock	6,250	
Class A Common Stock	\$ 13.82	05/12/2017		M	6,	,250	<u>(6)</u>	01/29/2022	Class A Common Stock	6,250	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reed Michael A C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

**Executive Vice President** 

## **Signatures**

/s/Michael Reed 05/14/2017

\*\*Signature of Person Date

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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).
- The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$33.36 to \$33.44. Mr. Reed undertakes that he will provide, upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.
- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
- (2) 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.
- The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$32.97 to \$33.01. Mr. Reed undertakes that he will provide, upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.
- (4) Options were granted on August 12, 2013 and all shares are vested & exercisable.
- On April 16, 2015, 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, 2016.
- On January 29, 2016, 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 January 29, 2017.

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