

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4

March 11, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BROWN WILLIAM E

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)

1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2015

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2015		M	115,000	A \$ 10	2,977,717	D
Class A Common Stock	03/09/2015		F(1)	113,801	D \$ 10.17	2,863,916	D
Class A Common Stock						240,000	I (2)

By
Irrevocable
Trusts

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10	03/09/2015		M	115,000	<u>(3)</u> 04/15/2015	Class A Common Stock 115,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROWN WILLIAM E 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X	X		

Signatures

/s/ JoAnn Jonte as Attorney-in-Fact for William E.
Brown

03/11/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 price on the date of exercise.

These securities are owned directly by various family Irrevocable Trusts and indirectly by the Reporting Person and his spouse as
(2) co-trustees of the Irrevocable Trusts. The Reporting Person and his spouse, as co-trustees, have and share investment control over the securities held in each of the Irrevocable Trusts but disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities held by the Irrevocable Trusts except to the extent of his and his wife's pecuniary interest therein.

The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning April 14, 2010, of which 20,000 shares in the original grant expired based
(3) on the failure to satisfy certain annual performance targets.

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