

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
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**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 \*  
 Varlas Lori 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/18/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP, CFO and Secretary

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

(Street)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	08/18/2015		M	33,750	A \$ 9.54	89,702	D
Class A Common Stock	08/18/2015		F <sup>(1)</sup>	28,905	D \$ 12.39	60,797	D
Class A Common Stock	08/18/2015		M	8,000	A \$ 9.26	68,797	D

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Class A Common Stock	08/18/2015	F <sup>(1)</sup>	6,740	D	\$ 12.39	62,057	D
Class A Common Stock	08/20/2015	S	1,260	D	\$ 13.1	60,797	D
Class A Common Stock	08/20/2015	M	10,000	A	\$ 6.43	70,797	D
Class A Common Stock	08/20/2015	F <sup>(1)</sup>	6,895	D	\$ 12.8	63,902	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.54	08/18/2015		M	33,750	<u>(2)</u> 03/26/2018	Class A Common Stock	33,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.26	08/18/2015		M	8,000	<u>(3)</u> 04/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	8,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.43	08/20/2015		M	10,000	<u>(4)</u> 03/31/2019	Class A Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Varlas Lori A. C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			SVP, CFO and Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Lori A.  
Varlas  
08/20/2015

\*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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 price on the date of exercise.  
(2) On March 26, 2012, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 45,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning March 26, 2013.  
On April 13, 2011, the Issuer's Compensation Committee granted the reporting person an option to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A  
(3) Common Stock of the Issuer. The option vests in five equal annual installments beginning April 13, 2012. Twenty percent of the option also vests based on the satisfaction of certain annual performance targets for each of the fiscal years ending September 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.  
(4) On August 12, 2013, 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, 2014.

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