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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Colligan Thomas J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

08/14/2017

[CENT]

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD,

(Street)

SUITE 600

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	` ′	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)
Class A Common Stock	08/14/2017		M	6,762	A	\$ 9.86	9,031	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/14/2017		F <u>(1)</u>	1,960	D	\$ 34.03	7,071	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2017		S	3,500	D	\$ 32.9689 (2)	3,571	D	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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)	\$ 9.86	08/14/2017		M	6,762	(3)	08/10/2018	Class A Common Stock	6,762

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

10% Owner Officer Other Director

Colligan Thomas J C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597



Signatures

/s/Thomas J. 08/16/2017 Colligan

**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 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 exercise.
- (2) The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock is from \$32.92 to \$33.05. Mr. Colligan 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

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separate price.

(3) Options were granted on February 10, 2015 and all shares are vested & exercisable.

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