#### CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 4

February 20, 2015

## FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Reed Michael A Issuer Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO (Check all applicable) [CENT] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) **1340 TREAT** 02/19/2015 **Executive Vice President BOULEVARD, SUITE 600** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

### WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	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)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	02/19/2015		M	69,000	A	\$8	207,879	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/19/2015		F(1)	60,238	D	\$ 9.72	147,641	D	

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	\$ 8	02/19/2015		M	69,000	(2)	04/14/2015	Class A Common Stock	69,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Panarting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reed Michael A 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

**Executive Vice President** 

### **Signatures**

/S/ Michael A.

Reed 02/20/2015

\*\*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 prices on the date of exercise.
- On April 14, 2009, the Issuer's Compensation Committee granted the reporting person an option to purchase 75,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning April 14, 2010. A portion of the option relating to 6,000 shares was cancelled based on the non satisfaction of certain annual performance targets for each of the fiscal years ending September 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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