

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
Form 8-K
September 29, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 24, 2016

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600,

001-33268
(Commission

File Number)

68-0275553
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

94597

Walnut Creek, California
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip Code)**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 24, 2016, the Board of Directors of Central Garden & Pet Company (the **Company**) appointed Howard Machek as the acting Principal Financial Officer effective September 25, 2016 until a Chief Financial Officer is appointed. Mr. Machek, age 53, has served as the Company's Chief Accounting Officer since September 2015 and has been the Company's Corporate Controller since 2001.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ George C. Roeth
George C. Roeth
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: September 29, 2016