SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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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 Esparza Anthony Issuer Symbol SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. (Check all applicable) [SEAS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O SEAWORLD 03/03/2017 Chief Creative Officer ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 9205 SOUTH PARK CENTER LOOP, SUITE 400 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

ORLANDO, FL 32819

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)		Reported Transaction(s)			
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 5 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/03/2017		A	14,254 (1)	A	\$0	149,679	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2017		A	26,726 (2)	A	\$0	176,405	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2017		A	26,726 ₍₃₎	A	\$0	203,131	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	/Year)	Underl	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	B) Derivativ	re e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities	S		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration Date		Or Number	
						Exercisable			Number	
				C- 1-	V (A) (D)				of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Esparza Anthony C/O SEAWORLD ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 9205 SOUTH PARK CENTER LOOP, SUITE 400 ORLANDO, FL 32819

Chief Creative Officer

Signatures

/s/ Carlos Clark, by power of attorney

03/07/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- Represents shares of restricted stock of the Issuer issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which vest based on (1) meeting certain performance criteria over a one-year performance period beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2017.
- (2) Represents shares of restricted stock of the Issuer issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which vest over five years, with one-third vesting on each of the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- Represents shares of restricted stock of the Issuer issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which vest based on meeting certain performance criteria over a three-year performance period beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2019

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