

SPRINGER MARY BETH  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SPRINGER MARY BETH

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)  
08/14/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY, 1340 TREAT BLVD, 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	08/14/2017		M	6,762 A	\$ 9.86 7,392	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/14/2017		F(1)	1,960 D	\$ 34.03 5,432	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/14/2017		M	4,849 A	\$ 13.75 10,281	D	

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Class A Common Stock	08/14/2017		<u>F(1)</u>	1,960	D	\$ 34.03	8,321	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/14/2017		M	2,099	A	\$ 31.76	10,420	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/14/2017		<u>F(1)</u>	1,959	D	\$ 34.03	8,461	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/16/2017		S	630	D	\$ 32.973	7,831	I	By Trust <u>(2)</u>

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.86	08/14/2017		M	(A) 6,762	<u>(3)</u> 08/10/2018	Class A Common Stock	6,762	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.75	08/14/2017		M	(A) 4,849	<u>(4)</u> 08/09/2019	Class A Common Stock	4,849	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.76	08/14/2017		M	(A) 2,099	<u>(5)</u> 08/09/2020	Class A Common Stock	2,099	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPRINGER MARY BETH C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BLVD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X			

## Signatures

/s/Mary B. Springer  
 08/16/2017  
 \*\*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).
- (1) 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) Shares are owned by the P. Rosenblum & M. Beth Springer TTEE Paul Rosenblum & Mary Beth Springer Revocable Trust Dated 10/28/2005.
- (3) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 10, 2015, the date of the grant.
- (4) One-third of the total options granted became exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months, and 30 months after February 9, 2016, the date of the grant.
- (5) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 14, 2017, the date of the grant.

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