

NOVOTNY GLENN W  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
NOVOTNY GLENN W

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)  
1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Pres./ Chief Executive Officer

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/15/2007		M		5,000 A \$ 8.74	127,046	D
Common Stock	03/15/2007		F(1)		4,002 D \$ 13.83	123,044	D
Common Stock	03/15/2007		M		20,000 A \$ 4.28	143,044	D
Common Stock	03/15/2007		F(1)		12,509 D \$ 13.83	130,535	D
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2007		M		10,000 A \$ 8.67	254,137	D

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Class A Common Stock	03/15/2007	F <sup>(1)</sup>	8,034	D	\$ 13.6	246,103	D
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2007	M	40,000	A	\$ 4.26	286,103	D
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2007	F <sup>(1)</sup>	25,098	D	\$ 13.6	261,005	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 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.74	03/15/2007		M	5,000	06/16/2006 06/16/2007	Common Stock 5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.67	03/15/2007		M	10,000	06/16/2006 06/16/2007	Class A Common Stock 10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.28	03/15/2007		M	20,000	08/02/2006 08/02/2010	Common Stock 20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.26	03/15/2007		M	40,000	08/02/2006 08/02/2010	Class A Common Stock 40,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NOVOTNY GLENN W 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X		Pres./ Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Glenn W.  
Novotny

03/19/2007

\_\_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 and withholding tax liability incurred upon the above-reported exercise of options.

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