CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

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).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHICHESTER DAVID N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[CENT]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

1340 TREAT BLVD., STE. 600

(First)

(Street)

(State)

02/28/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Dat any (Month/Day/Y		3. 4. Securities Acc Transaction(A) or Disposed Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 (Instr. 8)			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/28/2006		M	4,547	A	\$ 21.99	6,210	D	
Common Stock	02/28/2006		S	4,547	D	\$ 54.21	1,663	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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)	\$ 21.99	02/28/2006		M	4,547	<u>(1)</u>	08/10/2006	Common Stock	4,547

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CHICHESTER DAVID N 1340 TREAT BLVD., STE. 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X					

Signatures

/s/ Stuart W. Booth as Attorney in Fact 03/01/2006

**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) One-third of the total options granted will become exercisable at each of 6 months, 18 months and 30 months after February 10, 2003, the date of the grant.

Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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