

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
Form 8-K
February 20, 2015

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) February 13, 2015

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-33268
(Commission

File Number)

68-0275553
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek,
California**

(Address of principal executive offices)

94597

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Fiscal 2014 Bonus Determinations

On February 13, 2015, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Central Garden & Pet Company (the Company) approved cash bonus payments to certain of the Company's named executive officers in respect of fiscal 2014. This bonus compensation information was not included in the Summary Compensation Table included in the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2014 (the Proxy Statement), because the amount of the bonuses had not been determined at the time of filing the Proxy Statement. In accordance with Item 5.02(f), the table below updates the Bonus and Total columns in the fiscal 2014 summary compensation table for the named executive officers previously set forth in the Proxy Statement. No other amounts have changed.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (1)(\$)	Option Awards (2)(\$)	All Other Compen sation (3)(\$)	Total (\$)
John R. Ranelli <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>	2014	673,000	505,000	1,078,157		418,806	2,674,963
	2013	414,154(4)	475,306(5)	445,000	987,501	578,022	2,899,983
William E. Brown <i>Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer</i>	2014	390,000	390,000			11,707	791,707
	2013	490,000(6)				10,813	500,813
	2012	675,000				13,870	688,870
Lori A. Varlas <i>Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i>	2014	427,308	193,000	220,370		25,994	866,672
	2013	414,616	105,000		87,500	26,279	633,395
	2012	409,231	105,000		123,750	26,567	664,548
Michael Reed <i>Executive Vice President</i>	2014	435,962	220,000	543,006		24,361	1,223,329
	2013	425,000	212,500(7)		87,500	21,190	746,190
	2012	441,346	60,000		137,500	21,239	660,085
George A. Yuhas <i>General Counsel</i>	2014	417,308	188,000	142,670		25,074	773,052
	2013	404,615	165,000(7)		87,500	25,731	682,846
Steven LaMonte <i>Former Executive Vice President and President Garden</i>	2014	270,423(8)				225,673	496,096
	2013	436,915			122,500	258,587	818,002
	2012	163,462(8)	45,000	374,000	210,400	113,070	905,932

(1) This column represents the grant date fair value in accordance with ASC 718. These amounts do not represent the actual value that may be realized by the named executive officers.

(2) This column represents the grant date fair value in accordance with ASC 718. Please refer to Note 14, Stock-Based Compensation, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on December 11, 2014 for the relevant assumptions used to determine the compensation cost of

our stock option awards. These amounts do not represent the actual value, if any, that may be realized by the named executive officers.

(3) The components of the All Other Compensation column for fiscal 2014 are detailed in the following table:

Description	Ranelli	Brown	Varlas	Reed	Yuhas	LaMonte
Company matching contribution to 401(k) plan	\$ 2,071	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,050	\$ 3,050	\$ 2,254	\$ 2,711
Medical and life insurance premiums	9,311	9,207	10,944	9,311	10,820	11,336
Car allowance or lease	12,000		12,000	12,000	12,000	6,000
Severance						205,385
Relocation expenses	84,560					
Housing allowance	126,000					
Tax gross-up payments	67,413					
Total	\$ 418,806	\$ 11,707	\$ 25,994	\$ 24,361	\$ 25,074	\$ 225,672

(4) Mr. Ranelli was appointed Chief Executive Officer in February 2013.

(5) Reflects bonus for fiscal 2013 settled in fully vested shares of common stock.

(6) Mr. Brown served as Chief Executive Officer until February 2013. His base salary was reduced from \$675,000 per year to \$390,000 per year to reflect the reduction in his responsibilities subsequent to stepping down as Chief Executive Officer.

(7) Includes the \$65,000 portion of the bonus for fiscal 2013 settled in fully vested shares of Class A common stock.

(8) Mr. LaMonte served as Executive Vice President and President Garden Products from May 2012 until February 2014.

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/ John R. Ranelli

John R. Ranelli

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 20, 2015