

SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.
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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 *
 Esparza Anthony

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SEAWORLD ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 9205 SOUTH PARK CENTER LOOP, SUITE 400

(Street)

ORLANDO, FL 32819

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. [SEAS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/08/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/08/2015		A		2,882 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	09/08/2015		A		126,689 ⁽²⁾	A	\$ 0

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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.76	09/08/2015		A	254,452	<u>(3)</u>	09/08/2025	Common Stock	254,452

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 09/10/2015

__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) 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 one-year performance period beginning on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015.
 - (2) Represents shares of restricted stock of the Issuer issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on September 8, 2016.
 - (3) This option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on September 8, 2016.

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