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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Re<br><u>Gibson James E</u> | porting Person <sup>*</sup> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CALAVO GROWERS INC</u> [ CVGW ] |                        | tionship of Reporting Pe<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title          | rson(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify |
|--|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|---|--|
| (Last) (First)<br>1141-A CUMMINGS I                |                             | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>12/18/2017                    |                        | below)<br>President of Subsi  | below)   |
| (Street)<br>SANTA PAULA CA<br>(City) (State        | 93060<br>e) (Zip)           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                          | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | idual or Joint/Group Filin<br>Form filed by One Rep<br>Form filed by More tha<br>Person | porting Person                                   |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                                  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                |   | (1150.4)                         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/18/2017                                 |   | A                            |   | 3,365   | A             | \$ <mark>0</mark>   | 72,712  | D   |                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2017                                 |   | F                            |   | 721(1)  | D             | \$77.4  | 71,991  | D   |                                  |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                              |   |   |               |   | <b>838</b> <sup>(2)</sup>   | I   | The<br>Gibson<br>Family<br>Trust |

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| (e.g., p |   |   |  | (e.g., puts, cans, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                              |   |  |   |  |                    |   |   |   |  |  |  |
|----------|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
|          | 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)   | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>osed<br>. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate                | 7. Title<br>Amour<br>Securi<br>Underl<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>and 4) | nt of<br>ties<br>ying<br>tive<br>ty (Instr. 3 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|          |   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                                       | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares        |   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares are being surrendered to satisfy a tax withholding obligation of the reporting person.

2. Shares held indirectly by the reporting person in the name of The Gibson Family Trust, of which the reporting person is a trustee and in which the reporting person has a pecuniary interest.

<u>/s/ James E. Gibson</u> <u>12/20/2017</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $\ast$  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).

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