SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. Form 8-K October 16, 2015

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): October 15, 2015

SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction **001-35883** (Commission

27-1220297 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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9205 South Park Center Loop, Suite 400

Orlando, Florida (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 32819 (Zip Code)

(407) 226-5011

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(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:

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 15, 2015, SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing the Company intends to pursue legal action against the California Coastal Commission (the Commission) for imposing a condition that would ban killer whale breeding at SeaWorld San Diego in connection with the Commission s approval of the Company s Blue World Project at SeaWorld San Diego. The full text of the press release announcing the approval is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information set forth under this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc., dated October 15, 2015.

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.

SEAWORLD ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

Date: October 16, 2015 By: /s/ G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor

Name: G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor

Title: Chief Legal and Corporate Affairs Officer,

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary