

FORM 4

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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 * Van Wart Harold	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc. [CBAY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President and CEO
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CYMABAY THERAPEUTICS, INC., 7999 GATEWAY BLVD, SUITE 130	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2016	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) NEWARK, CA 94560	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
(City) (State) (Zip)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.82	12/30/2016		A	50,000	12/30/2016	07/24/2026	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 0	50,000 (D)	D

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Van Wart Harold C/O CYMABAY THERAPEUTICS, INC. 7999 GATEWAY BLVD, SUITE 130 NEWARK, CA 94560	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Sujal Shah, by power of attorney 01/04/2017
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) On July 25, 2016, the Reporting Person was granted an option to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer. The option vests in two equal installments based on the Issuer's achieving certain milestones. The first milestone was met, resulting in vesting of the option as to 50,000 shares.

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