FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>McMANUS JAMES P</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC</u> [CWST]									k all app Direc	olicable)		o Issuer Owner r (specify	
(Last) C/O CAS	ast) (First) (Middle) O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/10/2006									belo	(0		below)	
25 GREENS HILL LANE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable .ine)				
(Street) RUTLAND VT 05701															X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
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(City)	(5)	tate) (Zip)																
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			Transaction Disp Code (Instr. and			urities Acc sed Of (D)		5. Am Secur Benef Owne Follo	icially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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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)	if any		4. Transactior Code (Instr 8)		on Number I		3. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		of De Se (In	Price rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable	Exp Dat	oiration e	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	ber					
Stock Option	\$10.22	10/10/2006			А		7,500		(1)	10/	10/2016	Class A Common	7,50	00	510.22	7,500	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option shall become exercisable with respet to one-third of the options granted on the first anniversary of the grant date, and as to a further one-third of the options granted on each of the second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

/s/James P. McManus

<u>10/11/2006</u> Person Date

** Signature of Reporting Person Da

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

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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