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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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): **September 28, 2009**

**Casella Waste Systems, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**000-23211**  
(Commission File Number)

**03-0338873**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**25 Greens Hill Lane Rutland, Vermont**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**05701**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(802) 775-0325**

**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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(c) On September 28, 2009, the Board of Directors of Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Paul J. Massaro, 52, as the Company's principal financial and accounting officer. Mr. Massaro has served as the Director of Finance of the Company since April 2002 and as the Company's principal financial officer from August 28, 2008 until January 5, 2009. Mr. Massaro will continue to serve as the Director of Finance of the Company. Mr. Massaro is serving as the principal financial officer and principal accounting officer of the Company following the resignation of the Company's Chief Financial Officer, John S. Quinn. The Company is engaged in a search for Mr. Quinn's replacement.

SIGNATURE

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.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

Date: September 28, 2009

By: /s/ John W. Casella  
John W. Casella  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer