FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  NORRIS RICHARD A					CAS	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC  CWST ]									eck all appl Direct	tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director		10% O	wner	
(Last)	,	rst) (	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/06/2006									X Office below	,	FO	Other (: below)	specify	
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		Tab	le I - N	on-Deriv	ative S	Sec	urities	Ac	quired,	Disp	osed (	of, or B	enef	ficial	ly Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5)				3, 4 Securit Benefic Owned		ties Fo cially (D)		orm: Direct ) or direct (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amoun	t (A) or (D)		Price				tr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
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)		of I		Expiration	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	у	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		opiration	Title	or	ount nber res						
Option	\$13	07/06/2006			A		30,000		(1)	07	7/06/2016	Class A Common Stock	30,	000	\$13	30,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1. \ This \ option \ shall \ become \ exercisable \ with \ 7,500 \ shares \ vesting \ on \ 7/6/07, \ 7,500 \ additional \ shares \ on \ 7/6/08, \ 7,500 \ additional \ shares \ on \ 7/6/09 \ and \ the \ remaining \ 7,500 \ shares \ on \ 7/6/10.$ 

/s/ Richard A. Norris

07/11/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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