FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* VIANI MICHAEL J | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC CWST] | | | | | | | | | heck all ap | plicable) | 10% | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/22/2005 | | | | | | | | | | below) below) Vice President | | | | | | | |
| 25 GREENS HILL LANE | | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| (Street) RUTLAND VT 05701 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (Si | tate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - N | on-Deriv | vative | Sec | uriti | ies Ac | quired | Dis | posed | of, or E | Bene | ficia | lly Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Ac Disposed Of (D) and 5) | | | | | Secur | icially d | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amou | nt (A) or (D) | | Price | Repo Trans | | (| (111341. 4) | |
| Class A Common Stock 09/22/20 | | | | | | 005 | | | M | | 5,0 | 00 A | | \$4. | 51 | 5,327 | D | | |
| | 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) | | n Number | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | ∵. 3 | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisal | | opiration | Title | or | ount nber res | | | | | |
| Option | \$4.61 | 09/22/2005 | | | М | | | 5,000 | (1) | 13 | 2/01/2005 | Class A Common | 5,0 | 000 | \$4.61 | 0 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This Option is immediately exercisable.

<u>/s/ Michael J. Viani</u> <u>09/26/2005</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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