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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] VIANI MICHAEL J (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. 25 GREENS HILL LANE (Street) RUTLAND VT 05701 | | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC [CWST] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/06/2006 If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | -) (| 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | |) | Execution Date, | | | Code (Ir | | Dispo: and 5) | , (0) er | | | Securities F Beneficially (Owned F | | 6. Owners Form: Dir (D) or Indirect ((Instr. 4) | ect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | C C d | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n Number I | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Secu | rice vative urity tr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owner Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Ca | ode | V (A) | | (D) | Date Exercisable | | viration e | Amount or Number of Title Shares | | | | | | | |
| Option | \$13 | 07/06/2006 | | | Α | | 650 | | (1) | 07/0 | 06/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 650 | 9 | 513 | 650 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option shall become exercisable with 162 shares vesting on 7/6/07, 163 additional shares on 7/6/08, 162 additional shares on 7/6/09 and the remaining 163 shares on 7/6/10.

<u>/s/ Michael J. Viani</u> 07/12/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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