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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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* <u>Coletta Edmond</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>25 GREENS HILL LANE</u> _____ (Street) <u>RUTLAND VT 05701</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/05/2012</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC [CWST]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <u>Senior Vice President &amp; CFO</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) _____ 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>41,431<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>07/06/2010</u>	<u>07/06/2016</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>07/23/2010</u>	<u>07/23/2017</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>11.01</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-Statutory Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>12/13/2009</u>	<u>12/13/2017</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>13.78</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>12/13/2009</u>	<u>12/13/2017</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>19,704</u>	<u>13.78</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>03/04/2012</u>	<u>03/04/2020</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>4.72</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes 18,201 Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (Casella) Restricted Stock Units (RSU's) awarded under the Casella 2006 Stock Incentive Plan. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Casella's Class A Common Stock.

/s/ Edmond R. Coletta 12/12/2012

\*\* 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 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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