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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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* NORRIS RICHARD A (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. 25 GREENS HILL LANE (Street) RUTLAND VT 05701 | | | | | CMS CWS 3. Dat 06/28 | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC [CWST] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/28/2004 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer heck all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CFO Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | wner specify pplicable |
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| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | | | ction | ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transact | 4. Security | | urities Acquired (Ased Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | 3) or Securion Benefic Owned Follow Report Transa | | ount of 6. (ities Fo (D) Inc | | n: Direct or rect (I) | 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | vative Conversion Date Execution Date, Irity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Secu | rice ivative urity tr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | , | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration te | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Option | \$13.28 | 06/28/2004 | | | A | | 21,808 | | (1) | 06 | /28/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 21,808 | \$1 | 3.28 | 21,808 | | D | |
| Option | \$13.28 | 06/28/2004 | | | A | | 8,192 | | (2) | 06 | /28/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 8,192 | \$1 | 3.28 | 8,192 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This option is immediately exercisable with respect to 10,000 of the shares granted and shall become exercisable with respect to a further 9,338 shares on June 28, 2005 and with respect to the remaining 2,470 shares on June 28, 2006.
- 2. This option shall become exercisable with respect to 662 shares on June 28, 2005 and with respect to the remaining 7,530 shares on June 28, 2006.

06/29/2004 /s/ Richard A. Norris

** 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).
- ** 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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