FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] SABINO ALAN N | | | | CAS | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC</u> [<u>CWST</u>] | | | | | | neck all ap Direc | plicable) | ng Person(s) to 10% (Other | Owner | |
|---|--|---------|---|--|--|---|--|--|---------------|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2006 | | | | | | X belo | w) | Other (specify below) ice 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) | | | | | | | | | | | X Form | n filed by On | e Reporting Per | son | |
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| (City) | (S | tate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non-Deri | vative S | Securities A | cquired | l, Di | sposed c | of, or Be | eneficia | lly Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | /Year) if | A. Deemed xecution Date, any lonth/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | d Secu | ficially | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Repo Trans | | (| (| |
| Class A Common Stock | | | 01/12/2 | 006 | | М | | 10,000 | A | \$4.6 | 1 | 10,000 | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock 01/12/20 | | | | 006 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$12.12 | 23 | 0 | D | | |
| | | Т | able II - Deriva (e.g., | | curities Acq Ills, warrants | | | | | | y Owned | 1 | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. 5. Number of Derivative 3) 4. 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec | Beneficial Ownership | |

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) of (D) (Instr. 3. 4 and 5) Amount or Number Expiration of Shares Date Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title Class A Option \$<mark>4.6</mark>1 01/12/2006 Μ 10,000 (1) 05/01/2006 10,000 \$<mark>4.6</mark>1 0 D Commor

Explanation of Responses:

1. This Option is immediately exercisable.

/s/ Alan N. Sabino

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

01/12/2006

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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