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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Quinn John S					CAS	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC  CWST ]									ationship of Reporting k all applicable) Director		ng Pe	10% Owner	
(Last)	,	,	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2009									below	,	. <i>&amp;</i> r ⊤	Other (	specify
C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.				0170.	01/03/2007									Sr. VP, CFO & Treasurer			ricasuici		
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	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed C			rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned Followi	ties Fo cially (D In		Ownership orm: Direct O) or indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	v	Amoun	nt (A) or (D)		rice	Reporte Transa			str. 4)	(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)	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)		of I		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		o D S (I	. Price f erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	у	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration te	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	01/05/2009			A		24,691		07/05/2009		(1)	Class A Common Stock	24,6	91	\$0	24,691		D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.

<u>/s/John S. Quinn</u> <u>01/08/2009</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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