

Quinn John S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Quinn John S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC  
 [CWST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP, CFO & Treasurer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC., 25 GREENS HILL LANE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/05/2009

RUTLAND, VT 05701  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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

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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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 4.05	01/05/2009		A	150,000	<u>(1)</u>	01/05/2019	Class A Common Stock	150,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Quinn John S C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. 25 GREENS HILL LANE RUTLAND, VT 05701			Sr. VP, CFO & Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/John S. Quinn                      01/08/2009  
 \_\_Signature of                              Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) This option shall become exercisable with respect to one-third of the shares on January 5, 2009 and shall become exercisable as to an additional one-third of shares on each of the first and second anniversaries of the grant date.

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