

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>OLIVER BRIAN</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.</u> <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>08/24/2004</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>Regional Vice President</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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
Class A Common Stock	10,500	D	

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				
Option	(1)	06/28/2014	Class A Common Stock 10,000	13.28	D	
Option	(2)	05/10/2010	Class A Common Stock 15,000	8.6875	D	
Option	(3)	09/15/2009	Class A Common Stock 12,000	15.563	D	
Option	(4)	02/03/2012	Class A Common Stock 4,500	12.75	D	
Option	(5)	02/01/2007	Class A Common Stock 1,000	12.5	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This option is exercisable with respect to 3,333 shares on 6/28/04; with respect to an additional 3,333 shares on 6/28/05 and an additional 3,334 shares on 6/28/06.
- This option became 100% exercisable on 5/10/02.
- This option became 100% exercisable on 9/15/01.
- This option became 100% exercisable on 2/4/02.
- This option became 100% exercisable on 2/1/99.

/s/ Brian Oliver

08/24/2004

** 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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