

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>CASELLA JOHN W</u><br><hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS</u><br><u>25 GREENS HILL LANE</u><br><hr/> (Street)<br><u>RUTLAND VT 05701</u><br><hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC [</u><br><u>CWST ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chief Executive Officer</b></p> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/06/2017</u>                              |   |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |   |

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price                 |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/06/2017                           |  | s <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 21,447  | D          | \$12.8 <sup>(3)</sup> | 515,729   | D  |   |
| Class B Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                       | 494,100   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                       | 694   | I  | See Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>                           |

**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) |   | 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Held by Mr. Casella's spouse. Mr. Casella disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities indicated to the extent to which he does not have an actual pecuniary interest in such securities.
- Represents the automatic sale of shares of stock for tax withholding purposes pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 15, 2016, in connection with the vesting of RSUs on February 24 and March 1, 2017.
- Represents the weighted average sales price for shares sold in multiple transactions. Upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of such issuer, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

/s/ John W. Casella 03/07/2017

\*\* 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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