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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GORMLEY GERALD P</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC. 25 GREENS HILL LANE <hr/> (Street) RUTLAND VT 05701 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS INC [CWST]</b>	
		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) Vice President Human Resources	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 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	8,711	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)	05/10/2010	Class A Common Stock 12,000	8.6875	D	
Option	(2)	01/05/2014	Class A Common Stock 10,000	14.28	D	
Option	(3)	02/03/2012	Class A Common Stock 22,500	12.75	D	
Option	(4)	06/30/2015	Class A Common Stock 5,000	12	D	
Option	(5)	07/06/2016	Class A Common Stock 1,800	13	D	
Option	(6)	07/23/2017	Class A Common Stock 1,000	11.01	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This option became 100% exercisable on 5/10/02.
- This option became 100% exercisable on 1/5/06.
- This option became 100% exercisable on 2/4/02.
- This option became 100% exercisable on 6/30/07.
- This option is exercisable with respect to 450 on 7/6/07; an additional 450 shares on 7/6/08; an additional 450 shares on 7/6/09 and an additional 450 shares on 7/6/10.
- This option is exercisable with respect to 333 on 7/23/08; an additional 333 shares on 7/23/09; and an additional 334 shares on 7/23/10.

/s/Gerald P. Gormley 03/23/2009

\*\* 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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