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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 25, 2015

Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-23211 (Commission **03-0338873** (IRS Employer

of Incorporation

File Number)

Identification No.)

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25 Greens Hill Lane

Rutland, Vermont 05701
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (802) 775-0325

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act CFR 240.17R 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (<u>Casella</u> or the <u>Company</u>), has postponed the date of its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, previously scheduled to be held on July 7, 2015, to a date to be determined by the Casella Board of Directors (the <u>Casella Board</u>). Last year, the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on October 7, 2014. The Casella Board is currently in the process of searching for one or more additional independent directors with strong industry experience to expand the depth and breadth of the Casella Board. The postponement will allow the Casella Board additional time to continue its director search process, conduct interviews with director candidates and ensure that it is able to identify one or more qualified candidates with strong industry experience who would bring new relevant perspectives, insights, experiences and competencies that would benefit the Casella Board.

Important Additional Information And Where To Find It

Casella, its directors and certain of its executive officers are deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company s stockholders in connection with the matters to be considered at the Company s 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Information regarding the names of the Company s directors and executive officers and their respective interests in the Company by security holdings or otherwise can be found in the Company s proxy statement for its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the SEC on August 19, 2014. To the extent holdings of the Company s securities have changed since the amounts set forth in the Company s proxy statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, such changes have been reflected on Initial Statements of Beneficial Ownership on Form 3 or Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Casella intends to file a proxy statement and accompanying white proxy card with the SEC in connection with the solicitation of proxies from Casella stockholders in connection with the matters to be considered at the Company s 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Additional information regarding the identity of participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the Company s proxy statement for its 2015 Annual Meeting, including the schedules and appendices thereto. INVESTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ ANY SUCH PROXY STATEMENT AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY CASELLA WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AS THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Stockholders will be able to obtain the Proxy Statement, any amendments or supplements to the Proxy Statement, the accompanying white proxy card, and other documents filed by Casella with the SEC for no charge at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Copies will also be available at no charge at the Investor Relations section of the Company s corporate website at www.casella.com, by writing to the Company s Corporate Secretary at Casella Waste Systems, Inc., 25 Greens Hill Lane, Rutland, VT 05701, or by calling the Company s Corporate Secretary at (802) 772-2257.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CASELLA WASTE SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: April 27, 2015 By: /s/ Edmond R. Coletta

Name: Edmond R. Coletta

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer