

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC/DE
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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 *
 MITTELSTAEDT RONALD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WASTE CONNECTIONS INC/DE
 [WCN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 35 IRON POINT CIRCLE, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO

FOLSOM, CA 95630

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2006		A		17,000 ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0 272,625	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 34.76	02/14/2006		M	40,000	02/14/2007 ⁽³⁾ 02/14/2016	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MITTELSTAEDT RONALD J 35 IRON POINT CIRCLE SUITE 200 FOLSOM, CA 95630	X		CEO	

Signatures

Ronald Mittelstaedt	02/16/2006
<u> </u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- This represents an award of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in five equal, annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- The zero in Table II, Column 8 is a placeholder only that is required by the EDGAR software and should be disregarded.
 - This is an option for 40,000 shares, 1/4 exercisable 2/14/07, 2/14/08, 2/14/09 and 2/14/10.

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