

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC/DE

Form 4

February 25, 2003

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| | UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | |
| Form 4 | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | OMB APPROVAL <u>OMB</u> <u>Number:K235-0287</u> <u>Expires: January 31,</u> <u>2005</u> Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5 | |
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| (Print or Type Responses) | | | | |
| 1 .Name and Address of Reporting Person | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Waste Connections, Inc. (WCN) | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____Director 10% Owner ___XX__Officer (give _____Other (specify title below) below) | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) Mittelstaedt, Ronald | 3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year February 20, 2003 | | |
| | | | | Chairman, President and |

| (Street) 35 Iron Point Circle, Suite 200 | | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) XX_Form filed by One Reporting Person ___Form filed by More than One Reporting Person --See Note 1. | | |
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| (City) (State) (Zip) Folsom, CA 95630-8589 | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year) | 3. 2A. Deemed Execution Date, Code of any (Instr. 8) Month/ Day/ Year) | 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. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) | | | |
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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).

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). | | Title |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | | (D) | Date Exercisable | |
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|--|---------|---------|--|---|--|---------|--|---|---------|---------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$32.62 | 2/20/03 | | A | | 115,000 | | * | 2/19/13 | Comm Stock |
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* Option exercisable for 1/3 of the shares on each of 2/20/04, 2/20/05 and 2/20/06.

/s/ Ronald Mittelstaedt J/24/03

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff

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