

MITTELSTAEDT RONALD J  
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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)  
 11/18/2004

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

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				(A) or (D)
Common Stock	11/18/2004		M			8,000	\$ 16.71	8,000	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2004		S			8,000	\$ 33.4613	0	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2004		M			35,300	\$ 18.53	35,300	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2004		S			35,300	\$ 33.4613	0	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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.71	11/18/2004		M	8,000	01/29/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/29/2011	Common Stock	8,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.53	11/18/2004		M	35,300	07/18/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/18/2012	Common Stock	35,300 <sup>(5)</sup>

## 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		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Ronald J. Mittelstaedt 11/19/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Option for 172,500 shares, 1/3 exercisable 1/29/2002, 1/29/2003 and 1/29/2004

(2) This option was previously reported as an option for 115,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$25.06 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 50% stock dividend declared by WCI on May 26, 2004, which was payable on June 24, 2004, to all holders of record of common stock on June 10, 2004. Accordingly, on June 24, 2004, the date the stock dividend was paid, the option became exercisable for 172,500 shares at an exercise price of \$16.71 per share.

(3) The zero in Table II, Column 8 is a placeholder only that is required by the EDGAR software and should be disregarded.

(4) Option for 178,814 shares, 1/3 exercisable 7/18/2003, 7/18/2004 and 7/18/2005

(5) This option was previously reported as an option for 119,209 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$27.80 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 50% stock dividend declared by WCI on May 26, 2004, which was payable on June 24, 2004, to all holders of record of common stock on June 10, 2004. Accordingly, on June 24, 2004, the date the stock dividend was paid, the option became exercisable for 178,814 shares at an exercise price of \$18.53 per share.

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