

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC/DE

Form 4

February 25, 2003

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

| (Street)<br><br>35 Iron Point Circle,<br>Suite 200 |                                      |  |   | 5. If<br>Amendment,<br>Date of<br>Original<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 7. Individual or<br>Joint/Group Filing<br>(Check<br>Applicable Line)<br>XX_Form filed by<br>One Reporting<br>Person<br>___Form filed by<br>More than One<br>Reporting Person<br><br>--See Note 1. |  |   |
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| (City) (State) (Zip)<br><br>Folsom, CA 95630-8589  |                                      | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |  |  |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                    | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Deemed Transaction Date, Code of any (Instr. 8)                               | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  |  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned or Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  | 6. Ownership Form: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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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<br>Stock<br>Option<br><br>(right to<br>buy) | \$32.62 | 2/20/03 |  | A |  | 115,000 |  | * | 2/19/13 | Comm<br>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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