

Merrill Eric  
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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 \*  
Merrill Eric

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2295 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE 200  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/11/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

FOLSOM, CA 95630

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/11/2010                           |  | F                              | 762 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D \$ 31.91  | 37,693   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/11/2010                           |  | A                              | 5,713 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A \$ 0  | 43,406   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/11/2010                           |  | A                              | 5,714 <sup>(3)</sup>  | A \$ 0  | 49,120   | D                                 |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/14/2010                           |  | F                              | 749 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D \$ 32.17  | 48,371   | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Merrill Eric<br>2295 IRON POINT ROAD<br>SUITE 200<br>FOLSOM, CA 95630 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Eric Merrill 02/16/2010

\*\*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) Represents shares withheld by the Company from an award of restricted stock units in satisfaction of the applicable withholding taxes due as a result of the vesting of those restricted stock units through an automatic share withholding procedure. Pursuant to this procedure, the Company withholds, as the units vest, a portion of the vested shares issuable under the award with a fair market value (measured as of the vesting date) equal to the amount of such withholding taxes.

(2) 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 in four equal, annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant. Vested restricted stock units will be settled, and shares of common stock issued, on or before January 1, 2014 pursuant to an election made in connection with a nonqualified deferred compensation plan maintained by the issuer.

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