

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC
Form 8-K
March 13, 2013

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 7, 2013

Waste Management, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-12154
(Commission
File Number)

73-1309529
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone number, including area code: (713) 512-6200

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02(e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Grant of Equity Awards

Effective March 8, 2013, the Management Development and Compensation Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of Waste Management, Inc. (the Company) granted equity awards under the Company's 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan) to each of the Company's currently-serving named executive officers and the Company's currently-serving principal financial officer (collectively, the Executives).

Each of the Executives, which includes David P. Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer; James E. Trevathan, Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; James C. Fish, Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and Jeff M. Harris, Senior Vice President - Field Operations, received performance share units and stock options. The target number of performance share units granted to each of the Executives is as follows: Mr. Steiner 131,333; Mr. Trevathan 27,361; Mr. Fish 25,544 and Mr. Harris 23,355. The material terms of the performance share units are described below:

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| PSUs | |
| Performance Calculation Date (PCD) | As of December 31, 2015; award (if any) paid out after completion of the audit of the Company's 2015 year-end financial statements and certification by the Committee of actual level of achievement (payment date). |
| Performance Measure | 50% of the PSUs will have a return on invested capital performance measure, and 50% of the PSUs will have a total shareholder return performance measure. |
| Range of Possible Awards | 0 - 200% of targeted amount, based on actual results achieved. |
| Death or Disability before PCD | Payable on payment date as if participant had remained an active employee through PCD. |
| Voluntary Termination before PCD | Immediate forfeiture. |
| Involuntary Termination other than for Cause or Qualifying Retirement before PCD | Payable on payment date based on actual results, prorated based on portion of performance period completed prior to termination of employment. |
| Change in Control before PCD | Performance measured prior to the change in control and paid on prorated basis on actual results achieved up to such date. Thereafter, participant also generally receives a replacement award of restricted stock units in the successor entity generally equal to the number of PSUs that would have been earned had no change in control occurred and target performance levels had been met from the time of the change of control through December 31, 2015, adjusted for any conversion factors in the change in control transaction. The new restricted stock units in the successor entity would vest on December 31, 2015. |

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The Committee also granted stock options to the Executives to purchase the following number of shares of the Company's common stock: Mr. Steiner 282,775; Mr. Trevathan 58,911; Mr. Fish 55,000; and Mr. Harris 50,287. The material terms of the stock options are described below:

Stock Options

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| Vesting Schedule | 25% on first anniversary; 25% on second anniversary; and 50% on third anniversary. |
| Term | 10 years from date of grant. |
| Exercise Price | Fair Market Value on date of grant \$36.885. |
| Termination of Employment | |
| Death or Disability | All options immediately vest and remain exercisable for one year; but in no event later than the original term. |
| Qualifying Retirement | Continued vesting and exercisability for three years; but in no event later than the original term. |
| Involuntary Termination other than for Cause or Voluntary Resignation | All options that are then vested are exercisable for 90 days; but in no event later than the original term. |
| Involuntary Termination for Cause | All options are forfeited, whether or not then exercisable. |
| Involuntary Termination or Resignation for Good Reason following a Change in Control | All options immediately vest and remain exercisable for three years; but in no event later than the original term. |

The forms of award agreements for the performance share units and the stock options are filed as exhibits to this Form 8-K, and the descriptions of the material terms of the awards are qualified in their entirety by reference to the award agreements.

Separation Payment to Mr. Preston

The Company previously filed a Form 8-K on July 5, 2012 to disclose, among other things, (1) that Mr. Steven C. Preston gave notice of his decision to resign from his position as Executive Vice President - Finance, Recycling and Energy Services and (2) the then-existing financial arrangements with respect to Mr. Preston's departure from the Company.

On March 7, 2013, the Company determined that Mr. Preston should receive a separation payment in the gross amount of \$194,735, payable in March 2013. The Company determined to make this separation payment in light of the fact that other employees who gave notice of their resignation shortly after Mr. Preston pursuant to the terms of the Company's voluntary early retirement program (the VERP) received a partial bonus for 2012, and Mr. Preston did not receive a partial bonus for 2012. The separation payment will be equal to 50% of Mr. Preston's target annual cash bonus, prorated for 2012 to his date of departure, and was calculated in the same way that 2012 bonus amounts were calculated for participants in the VERP.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
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| 10.1 | Form of 2013 PSU Award Agreement with ROIC Performance Measure |
| 10.2 | Form of 2013 PSU Award Agreement with TSR Performance Measure |
| 10.3 | Form of 2013 Stock Option Award Agreement |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Date: March 13, 2013

By: */s/ Rick L Wittenbraker*
Rick L Wittenbraker
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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