

Abate Christopher J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Abate Christopher J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE BELVEDERE PLACE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2018

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

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 57,027 | A | 15.21 |
| | | | | | | | 96,183 |
| | | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> |

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)

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| 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Performance Stock Units | \$ 9.46 ⁽³⁾ | 12/19/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 45,112 | (4) | (5) | Common Stock | 45,112 |
| Performance Stock Units | \$ 9.46 ⁽³⁾ | 12/19/2018 | | F ⁽⁶⁾ | 50,161 | (4) | (5) | Common Stock | 50,161 |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 19.87 ⁽³⁾ | 12/19/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 11,915 | (4) | (5) | Common Stock | 11,915 |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 19.87 ⁽³⁾ | 12/19/2018 | | F ⁽⁶⁾ | 13,248 | (4) | (5) | Common Stock | 13,248 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Abate Christopher J ONE BELVEDERE PLACE MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

Attorney-In-Fact: Andrew P. Stone For: Christopher J. Abate

12/19/2018

__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) This transaction relates to the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units to common stock under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Represents the value (per stock unit or share of common stock) of the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units to common stock under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, based on the fair market value of Redwood Trust, Inc. common stock on the transaction date.
- (3) Represents fair value per stock unit of Performance Stock Units or Deferred Stock Units, based on the original grant date fair value determined at such time in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718.
- (4) Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units were subject to a mandatory holding period and conversion and/or distribution to the Reporting Person is at the time provided in the applicable deferral election form, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) No expiration date is applicable to Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units.

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- (6) This disposition transaction represents a Compensation Committee approved withholding of securities incident to the payment of income tax liability relating to the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and/or Deferred Stock Units under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (7) Following these reported transactions, no other Performance Stock Units and/or Deferred Stock Units with the same original grant date are beneficially owned.

Remarks:

This Form 4 is being filed in connection with the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units.

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