

REDWOOD TRUST INC  
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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE BELVEDERE PLACE

(Street)

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	12/21/2015		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,267	\$ 13.14 (2)	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		S <sup>(3)</sup>		1,201	\$ 13.43 (4)	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Performance Stock Units	\$ 12.37 (5)	12/21/2015		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,267	(6)	(7)	Common Stock	2,267
Performance Stock Units	\$ 12.37 (5)	12/21/2015		F <sup>(8)</sup>	1,164.49	(6)	(7)	Common Stock	1,164.49

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

12/22/2015

\_\_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 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 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) Transaction made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person in May 2015. All proceeds of this transaction are being remitted by the Reporting Person to Federal and/or State income tax agencies as additional income tax withholdings and/or estimated income tax payments.

(4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades with prices ranging from \$13.23 to \$13.61, inclusive. The price reported in Column 4 above reflects the weighted average sale price. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(5) Represents fair value per stock unit of Performance Stock Units, based on the original grant date fair value determined at such time in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718.

(6)

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Performance 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.

- (7) No expiration date is applicable to Performance Stock Units.
- (8) 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 under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (9) Following these reported transactions, no other Performance 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 to common stock

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