

REDWOOD TRUST INC

Form 4

May 01, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NICHOLAS BRETT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300

(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)

05/01/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/01/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	V Amount (D) Price 78,648 A \$ 0 (1)	150,303.56	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)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 11.68 (2)	05/01/2012		F(3)	49,103.82	05/01/2012(4)	(5)	Common Stock	49,103.82
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 11.68 (2)	05/01/2012		M(1)	78,648	05/01/2012(4)	(5)	Common Stock	78,648

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
NICHOLAS BRETT D 1 BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	President

Signatures

Brett D.
Nicholas 05/01/2012

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 Deferred Stock Units to common stock in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Represents fair value of the distribution and/or conversion of Deferred Stock Units, based on the fair market value RWT common stock on transaction date under the 2002 Incentive Plan.
- (3) This disposition transaction represents a Compensation Committee approved withholding of securities incident to the payment of tax liability relating to the distribution and/or conversion of Deferred Stock Units in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) Shares are subject to a mandatory holding period and will be delivered to the Participant at the time provided in the Deferral Election Form, according to the terms and conditions of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) No expiration date is applicable to deferred stock units.
- (6) Following these reported transactions, no other Deferred Stock Units with the same original grant date are beneficially owned.

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