UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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): September 13, 2021

REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-13759** (Commission File Number) 68-0329422 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Belvedere Place Suite 300 Mill Valley, California 94941

(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

(415) 389-7373

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share RWT New York Stock Exchange	Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 13, 2021, Redwood Trust, Inc. issued a press release announcing its Board of Directors' authorization to declare a third quarter regular dividend of \$0.21 per share. The third quarter 2021 dividend is payable on September 30, 2021 to stockholders of record on September 23, 2021.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 and the attached Exhibit 99.1 is furnished to and not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

 (d)
 Exhibits

 Exhibit 99.1
 Press Release dated September 13, 2021

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 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

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

Date: September 13, 2021

REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Andrew P. Stone

 Name:
 Andrew P. Stone

 Title:
 Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Secretary

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REDWOOD TRUST ANNOUNCES DIVIDEND INCREASE OF 17% TO \$0.21 FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2021

MILL VALLEY, CA – Monday, September 13, 2021 – <u>Redwood Trust, Inc.</u> (NYSE: RWT) today announced that its Board of Directors authorized a 17% increase in the company's quarterly common stock dividend to \$0.21 per share for the third quarter of 2021, up from \$0.18 per share for the second quarter of 2021. This is the company's 89th consecutive quarterly dividend. The third quarter 2021 dividend is payable on September 30, 2021 to stockholders of record on September 23, 2021.

"We are pleased to announce our third consecutive quarterly dividend increase for 2021. Our dividend is reflective of the ongoing strength of our business and remains a significant component of the total return opportunity we hope to deliver for shareholders. We believe a durable dividend combined with retained earnings generated through our taxable subsidiaries drives compelling and differentiated long-term shareholder value," said Christopher J. Abate, Chief Executive Officer of Redwood Trust.

About Redwood Trust

Redwood Trust, Inc. (NYSE: RWT) is a specialty finance company focused on several distinct areas of housing credit. Our operating platforms occupy a unique position in the housing finance value chain, providing liquidity to growing segments of the U.S. housing market not served by government programs. We deliver customized housing credit investments to a diverse mix of investors, through our best-in-class securitization platforms; whole-loan distribution activities; and our publicly traded shares. Our consolidated investment portfolio has evolved to incorporate a diverse mix of residential, business purpose and multifamily investments. Our goal is to provide attractive returns to shareholders through a stable and growing stream of earnings and dividends, capital appreciation, and a commitment to technological innovation that facilitates risk-minded scale. Since going public in 1994, we have managed our business through several cycles, built a track record of innovation, and a best-in-class reputation for service and a common-sense approach to credit investing. Redwood Trust is internally managed and structured as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") for tax purposes. For more information about Redwood Trust, visit our website at <u>www.redwoodtrust.com</u> or connect with us on <u>LinkedIn, Twitter</u>, or <u>Facebook</u>.

Forward-Looking Statements: This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements related to Redwood's 2021 dividends. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ from our beliefs, expectations, estimates, and projections and, consequently, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements are not historical in nature and can be identified by words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "will," "should," "expect," "believe," "intend," "seek," "plan" and similar expressions or their negative forms, or by references to strategy, plans, or intentions. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, among other things, those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 under the caption "Risk Factors." Other risks, uncertainties, and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected may be described from time to time in reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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