

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 8, 2011

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):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 8, 2011, Redwood Trust, Inc. issued a press release announcing its Board of Directors' authorization to declare a third quarter regular dividend of \$0.25 per share. The third quarter 2011 dividend is payable on October 21, 2011 to stockholders of record on September 30, 2011.

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 8, 2011

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 8, 2011

REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Andrew P. Stone

Name: Andrew P. Stone

Title: General Counsel and Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.

Exhibit Title

99.1

Press Release dated September 8, 2011



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Redwood Trust, Inc.
Thursday, September 8, 2011

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**REDWOOD TRUST DECLARES \$0.25 PER SHARE DIVIDEND
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2011**

MILL VALLEY, CA – Thursday, September 8, 2011 – Redwood Trust, Inc. (NYSE:RWT) today announced that its Board of Directors authorized the declaration of a third quarter regular dividend of \$0.25 per share. The third quarter 2011 dividend is payable on October 21, 2011 to stockholders of record on September 30, 2011.

“The payment of regular dividends remains a priority for Redwood. Our third quarter dividend will mark our 49th consecutive quarterly dividend,” said Martin S. Hughes, Redwood's President and CEO.

For more information about Redwood Trust, Inc., please visit our website at: www.redwoodtrust.com.
