#### 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): August 2, 2012

# 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):

ш	Written	communications	pursuant to	Rule 425	under	the	Securities	Act (	17 CFR 230.423	٥)
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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))

## Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 2, 2012, 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 2012 dividend is payable on September 28, 2012 to stockholders of record on September 14, 2012.

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 August 2, 2012

# 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: August 2, 2012 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 August 2, 2012



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Redwood Trust, Inc. Thursday, August 2, 2012 CONTACT: Christopher Abate Chief Financial Officer (415) 384-3584

> Mike McMahon Managing Director (415) 384-3805

#### REDWOOD TRUST DECLARES \$0.25 PER SHARE DIVIDEND FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2012

MILL VALLEY, CA - Thursday, August 2, 2012 - 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 2012 dividend is payable on September 28, 2012 to stockholders of record on September 14, 2012.

"The payment of regular dividends remains a priority for Redwood. Our third quarter dividend will mark our  $53^d$  consecutive quarterly dividend," said Marty Hughes, Redwood's CEO.

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