

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): May 22, 2018

**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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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

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.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 22, 2018, Redwood Trust, Inc. issued a press release announcing its Board of Directors' authorization to declare a second quarter regular dividend of \$0.30 per share. The second quarter 2018 dividend is payable on June 29, 2018 to stockholders of record on June 15, 2018.

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 May 22, 2018](#)

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**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: May 22, 2018

REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Andrew P. Stone  
Name: Andrew P. Stone  
Title: Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel, and Secretary

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Exhibit Index

**ExhibitNo.**

**Exhibit Title**

99.1

Press Release dated May 22, 2018

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Redwood Trust, Inc.  
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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**REDWOOD TRUST ANNOUNCES DIVIDEND INCREASE OF 7%  
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018**

**MILL VALLEY, CA – Tuesday, May 22, 2018** – Redwood Trust, Inc. (NYSE: RWT) today announced its Board of Directors has declared a 7% increase in the company's quarterly common stock dividend to \$0.30 per share for the second quarter of 2018, up from \$0.28 per share. This also marks the company's 76th consecutive quarterly dividend. The second quarter 2018 dividend is payable on June 29, 2018 to stockholders of record on June 15, 2018.

"We are pleased to increase the dividend we pay to our shareholders," said Christopher J. Abate, President of Redwood Trust. "The higher dividend reflects our confidence in the platform we have built and the durability of its earnings power, specifically our prospects for profitable growth through existing and recently-announced initiatives. Underscoring this is our continued commitment to delivering value to our shareholders on a per share basis."

For more information about Redwood Trust, Inc., please visit our website at: [www.redwoodtrust.com](http://www.redwoodtrust.com).

*Cautionary Statement: 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 intentions with respect to 2018 regular 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, 2017 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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