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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses)                                     |  |  |                             |   |                   |               |  |   |  |                         |  |  |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|--|---|--|-------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person –<br>NICHOLAS BRETT D |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]    |                             |   |                   |               |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director10% Owner   |  |                         |  |  |
| (Last) (First)<br>1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 30                 | 0  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>12/16/2015                   |                             |   |                   |               | X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President |   |  |                         |  |  |
| (Street)<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                             |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                             |                             |   |                   |               |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |                         |  |  |
| (City) (State)  | (Zip)                                      | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                             |   |                   |               |  |   |  |                         |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                            | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any   | Code (A) or Disposed of (D) |   | Transaction(s) Fo |               | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial                       |   |  |                         |  |  |
|   |  | (Month/Day/Year)   | Code                        | v | Amount            | (A) or<br>(D) | Price  | (Instr. 3 and 4)  | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |

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, cans, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                 |                          |                                  |                        |           |                  |                  |  |                    |   |  |                                      |                                     |                                    |            |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | Conversion      | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4.<br>Transact<br>Code | tion<br>) | 5. Number of     | f<br>) or<br>(D) | 6. Date Exercisable<br>and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>of Underlyin<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and | ıg                                     | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned | Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative | Beneficial |
|   | Scourty         |                          |                                  | Code                   | V         | 5)               | (D)              | Exclusable   | Expiration<br>Date |   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                      | Reported<br>Transaction(s)          | or Indirect                        |            |
| Deferred<br>Stock Units                                       | \$ 13.02<br>(2) | 12/16/2015               |                                  | А                      |           | 61,443.00        |                  | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>         | Common<br>Stock   | 61,443                                 | \$ 0                                 | 61,443                              | D                                  |            |
| Performance<br>Stock Units<br>(5)                             |                 | 12/16/2015               |                                  | А                      |           | 84,566.00<br>(7) |                  | <u>(8)</u>   | <u>(9)</u>         | Common<br>Stock   | 84,566                                 | \$ 0                                 | 84,566                              | D                                  |            |

## **Reporting Owners**

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

## Signatures

| Attorney-In-Fact: Andrew P. Stone | 12/18/2015 |
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| **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 grant of Deferred Stock Units.

(2) Represents grant date fair value of the DSUs issued, based on the fair market value of RWT common stock on the transaction date under the 2014 Incentive Award Plan.

(3) 25% vests 1/31/2017, 6.25% every quarter thereafter (beginning with the quarter end 3/31/2017). Fully vested 12/15/2019.

### (4) No expiration date is applicable to deferred stock units.

This transaction relates to the grant of Performance Stock Units ("PSUs"), which are performance-based equity awards. The number of underlying shares of common stock of Redwood Trust, Inc. ("Common Stock") that vest and that the recipient becomes entitled to receive at the time of vesting will generally range from 0% to 200% of a target number of PSUs granted, contingent

- (5) on the achievement of a pre-established performance metric (with the target number of PSUs granted being adjusted to reflect the value of any dividends on Common Stock declared during the vesting period). Vesting of these PSUs will generally occur at the end of three years (on December 15, 2018) based on three-year total stockholder return. Please refer to Item 5.02(e) of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 17, 2015 by Redwood Trust, Inc. for a description of the terms of these PSUs, which Item 5.02(e) qualifies, in its entirety, the description set forth in this footnote (5) and footnote (7) below.
- (6) Represents grant date fair value of the PSUs issued.
- (7) Represents the target number of PSUs granted.
- (8) Vested shares, if any, will be delivered to the Participant no later than December 31, 2018.
- (9) No expiration date is applicable to performance stock units.

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