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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|--|---|---|--|------|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of F Byerwalter Mariann | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) 1 BELVEDERE PLA | (First) ACE, SUITE | (Middle) 300 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2012 | | | | | Officer (give title below)O | ther (specify bel | low) | |
| MILL VALLEY, CA | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquiration | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ov | vned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | | | | ties Acq isposed o 4 and 5) | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Ownership of Indire | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (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, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transact | tion | | | 6. Date Exer and Expirati | | 7. Title and of Underlyin | | | 9. Number of Derivative | 10. Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect |
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| | | | | Code | V | , | (D) | Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 12.31 (1) | 05/17/2012 | | А | | 6,093 (2) | | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 6,093 | \$ 0 | 6,093 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Barrier Oran Name / | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Byerwalter Mariann H 1 BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 | Х | | | | | | |

Signatures

| Attorney-In-Fact: Andrew P. Stone | 05/17/2012 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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⁽¹⁾ Represents fair market value RWT common stock on transaction date under the 2002 Incentive Plan.

^{(2) 100%} vested at grant.

⁽³⁾ Shares are subject to a minimum mandatory holding period and will be delivered to the Participant at the time provided in the Deferral Election but no sooner than May 1, 2016.

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