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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|--|--|------------|---|--------|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Perso Abate Christopher J | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | |
| ONE BELVEDERE PLACE, SU | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/29/2012 | | | | | X_Officer (give title below)Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer | | | |
| ^(Street) MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 | 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 Acqu | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ov | vned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | (Instr. 8) | | * | | | Transaction(s) | Ownership of Indir Form: Benefic | 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 | | | | Date Exer and Expirati | | 7. Title and of Underlyin | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Number of Derivative | 10. Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Code | | Derivat | ive | (Month/Day | | Securities | c | 2 | Securities | Form of | Beneficial |
| · / | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Securiti | | | | (Instr. 3 and | 4) | · / | - | | Ownership |
| | Derivative Security | | | | | Acquire (A) or | ea | | | | | | | Security: Direct (D) | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | | | | | Dispose | ed | | | | | | 0 | or Indirect | |
| | | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | | Transaction(s) | · / | |
| | | | | | | (Instr. 3 and 5) | 3, 4, | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | and 5) | 1 | | <u> </u> | | Ι. | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 12.43 | 06/29/2012 | | Α | | 31.23 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 31.23 | \$ 0 | 31.23 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | |
| Abate Christopher J ONE BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 | | | Chief Financial Officer | | | | | | |

Signatures

| Attorney-In-Fact: Andrew P. Stone | 06/29/2012 |
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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).

(1) 100% Vested on January 1st, 2013

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

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