

FORM 4

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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* NICHOLAS BRETT D		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Co-Chief Operating Officer ____ 10% Owner ____ Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2009		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)						
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941						
(City)			(State)			
(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2009		M		1,945	A	\$ 0 (1)	26,776.56	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2009		M		9,445	A	\$ 0 (1)	36,221.56	D	

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Units in Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 16.27 (2)	05/01/2009		F(3)		5,471.58	(4)	(5)	Common Stock	5,471.58	\$ 0 (1)	11,390 (6)	D	
Stock Units in Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 16.27 (2)	05/01/2009		M(1)		1,945	(4)	(5)	Common Stock	1,945	\$ 0 (1)	9,445 (6)	D	
Stock Units in Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 16.27 (2)	05/01/2009		M(1)		9,445	(4)	(5)	Common Stock	9,445	\$ 0 (1)	0 (6)	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICHOLAS BRETT D 1 BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941			Co-Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

Brett D. Nicholas 05/04/2009

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 acquisition or disposition transaction relates to the distribution and/or conversion of Deferred Stock Units in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

(2) Represents fair market value of RWT common stock on transaction date for purposes of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

(3) This disposition transaction represents a Compensation Committee approved withholding of securities incident to the payment of tax liability relating to the distribution and/or conversion of Deferred Stock Units in the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

(4) No expiration.

(5) No expiration.

(6) Following these reported transactions, no other Deferred Stock Units with the same original grant date are beneficially owned.

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