

Abate Christopher J
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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 *
 Abate Christopher J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE BELVEDERE PLACE

(Street)

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

04/21/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Controller, Managing Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--|------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| Stock Units | \$ 14.57 | 04/21/2009 | A | | 21.16 | | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 21.16 | | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Christopher
Abate
04/23/2009
Date

**Signature of
Reporting Person

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) Delivery of underlying shares of common stock are subject to vesting schedules as defined by the individual award agreements issued according to the terms and conditions of the 2002 Redwood Trust Inc, Incentive Plan. Stock units have no exercise price.
- (2) No expiration.

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