

REDWOOD TRUST INC
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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 *
NICHOLAS BRETT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300

(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)
05/01/2010

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)

Chief Investment Officer and

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2010 | | M | V Amount (D) \$ 0 (1) | 16,577 55,585.56 | 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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Share |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Units in Deferred Compensation Plan | \$ 16.68 (2) | 05/01/2010 | | F(3) | 11,311 | (4) (5) | Common Stock | 11,311 |
| Stock Units in Deferred Compensation Plan | \$ 16.68 (2) | 05/01/2010 | | M(1) | 16,577 | (4) (5) | Common Stock | 16,577 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Brett D. Nicholas
05/01/2010
 **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 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) Shares are subject to a mandatory holding period and will be delivered to the Participant at the time provided in the Deferral Election Form, subject to the terms and conditions of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) No expiration date is applicable to deferred stock units.
- (6) Following these reported transactions, no other Deferred Stock Units with the same original grant date are beneficially owned.

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