Abate Christopher J Form 4 February 27, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Abate Christopher J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

OMB

Number:

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burden hours per

Symbol REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

ONE BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 02/26/2013

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify below)

OMB APPROVAL

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

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(Street)

Chief Financial Officer

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

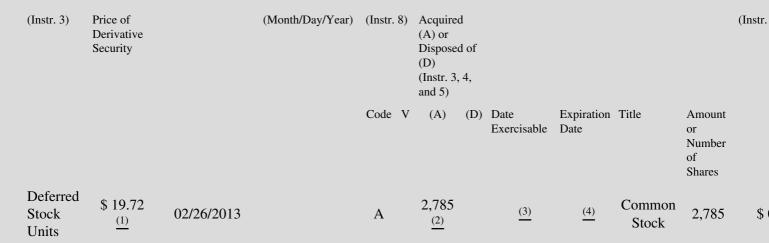
(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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 02/27/2013

**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) Represents fair market value RWT common stock on transaction date under the 2002 Incentive Plan.
- (2) Mr Abate received \$54,914 of his 2012 annual bonus in the form of immediately vested deferred stock units instead of cash.
- (3) Shares are subject to a three-year 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.

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