Abate Christopher J Form 4 December 19, 2018

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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1(b).

Abate Christopher J Issuer Symbol REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title ONE BELVEDERE PLACE 12/19/2018 below) Chief Executive Officer

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street) 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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(State)

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(City)	(State)	Tabl	le I - Non-D	Perivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Form	Ownership Form: Direct		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		(A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
C			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$,		
Common Stock	12/19/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	57,027	A	15.21 (2)	96,183	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Stock Units	\$ 9.46 (3)	12/19/2018		M(1)	45,112	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	45,112
Performance Stock Units	\$ 9.46 (3)	12/19/2018		F(6)	50,161	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	50,161
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 19.87 (3)	12/19/2018		M(1)	11,915	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	11,915
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 19.87 (3)	12/19/2018		F(6)	13,248	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	13,248

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolonia o mare i mine i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Abate Christopher J							
ONE BELVEDERE PLACE	X		Chief Executive Officer				
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941							

Signatures

Attorney-In-Fact: Andrew P. Stone For: Christopher J. Abate

12/19/2018

**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) This transaction relates to the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units to common stock under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

Date

- Represents the value (per stock unit or share of common stock) of the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and

 Deferred Stock Units to common stock under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, based on the fair market value of Redwood Trust, Inc. common stock on the transaction date.
- (3) Represents fair value per stock unit of Performance Stock Units or Deferred Stock Units, based on the original grant date fair value determined at such time in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718.
- Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units were subject to a mandatory holding period and conversion and/or distribution to

 (4) the Reporting Person is at the time provided in the applicable deferral election form, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) No expiration date is applicable to Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Units.

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- This disposition transaction represents a Compensation Committee approved withholding of securities incident to the payment of income tax liability relating to the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and/or Deferred Stock Units under the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (7) Following these reported transactions, no other Performance Stock Units and/or Deferred Stock Units with the same original grant date are beneficially owned.

Remarks:

This Form 4 is being filed in connection with the distribution and/or conversion of Performance Stock Units and Deferred Stock Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.