REDWOOD TRUST INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NICHOLAS BRETT D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify below)

1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300 12/16/2015

President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 13.02 (2)	12/16/2015		A		61,443		(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	61,443
Performance Stock Units	\$ 9.46 (6)	12/16/2015		A		84,566 <u>(7)</u>		(8)	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	84,566

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

NICHOLAS BRETT D 1 BELVEDERE PLACE SUITE 300 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

President

Signatures

Attorney-In-Fact: Andrew P.

Stone 12/18/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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 grant of Deferred Stock Units.
- (2) Represents grant date fair value of the DSUs issued, based on the fair market value of RWT common stock on the transaction date under the 2014 Incentive Award Plan.
- (3) 25% vests 1/31/2017, 6.25% every quarter thereafter (beginning with the quarter end 3/31/2017). Fully vested 12/15/2019.
- (4) No expiration date is applicable to deferred stock units.
 - This transaction relates to the grant of Performance Stock Units ("PSUs"), which are performance-based equity awards. The number of underlying shares of common stock of Redwood Trust, Inc. ("Common Stock") that vest and that the recipient becomes entitled to receive at the time of vesting will generally range from 0% to 200% of a target number of PSUs granted, contingent on the achievement of a
- pre-established performance metric (with the target number of PSUs granted being adjusted to reflect the value of any dividends on Common Stock declared during the vesting period). Vesting of these PSUs will generally occur at the end of three years (on December 15, 2018) based on three-year total stockholder return. Please refer to Item 5.02(e) of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 17, 2015 by Redwood Trust, Inc. for a description of the terms of these PSUs, which Item 5.02(e) qualifies, in its entirety, the description set forth in this footnote (5) and footnote (7) below.
- (6) Represents grant date fair value of the PSUs issued.
- (7) Represents the target number of PSUs granted.

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- (8) Vested shares, if any, will be delivered to the Participant no later than December 31, 2018.
- (9) No expiration date is applicable to performance stock units.

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