UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 18, 2017

REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-13759 (Commission File Number)

68-0329422 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Belvedere Place Suite 300 Mill Valley, California 94941

(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

(415) 389-7373

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 18, 2017, Redwood Trust, Inc. issued a press release announcing its Board of Directors' authorization to declare a second quarter regular dividend of \$0.28 per share. The second quarter 2017 dividend is payable on June 30, 2017 to stockholders of record on June 16, 2017.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 and the attached Exhibit 99.1 is furnished to and not filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated May 18, 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

REDWOOD TRUST, INC. Date: May 18, 2017

/s/ Andrew P. Stone Name: Andrew P

Andrew P. Stone

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and

Secretary

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Exhibit Title

99.1 Press Release dated May 18, 2017



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Redwood Trust, Inc. Thursday, May 18, 2017 CONTACTS:

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REDWOOD TRUST DECLARES \$0.28 PER SHARE DIVIDEND FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2017

MILL VALLEY, CA – Thursday, May 18, 2017 – Redwood Trust, Inc. (NYSE: RWT) today announced that its Board of Directors authorized the declaration of a second quarter regular dividend of \$0.28 per share. The second quarter 2017 dividend is payable on June 30, 2017 to stockholders of record on June 16, 2017.

"The payment of regular dividends remains a priority for Redwood. Our second quarter dividend will mark our 72nd consecutive quarterly dividend," said Marty Hughes, Redwood's Chief Executive Officer.

For more information about Redwood Trust, Inc., please visit our website at: www.redwoodtrust.com.