# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Typ   | e Responses   | )                                      |  |   |   |                           |   |                    |  |                             |                |  |  |                        |  |                         |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|--|--|------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BAUM RICHARD              |   |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT] |   |                           |   |                    |  |                             |                | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner   |  |                        |  |                         |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>572 SUMMIT AVENUE                        |   |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2004         |   |                           |   |                    |  |                             | _              | Officer (giv   | e title below)   | Oth                    | er (specify belo                               | w)                      |
| (Street) MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                                      |   |  |  | 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 |  |                        |  |                         |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |  |  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui                           |   |                           |   |                    |  |                             | es Acquire     | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |                        |  |                         |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year |   |  |  | ate, if   |   | (                         | A. Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                    | of (D) Ov  | wned Follow<br>ansaction(s) |                |  | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:   | Beneficial             |  |                         |
|   |   |  |  | (Month/Day/Year)  |   | Year)                     | Coe   | de V               | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)               | Price (Ir      | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |                        | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Reminder: F   | Report on a so  | eparate line for each                  | class of securities l  | oeneficial  | ly ov   | vned di                   | rectly  | Perso<br>in this   | ns who r<br>form are   | e not r                     | equired t      | collection<br>to respond<br>B control r  | unless the   | tion contai<br>e form  | ned SEC  | 1474 (9-02)             |
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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                 | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | se (Month/Day/Year) any (Month/Day/Yea | if Transaction of Code D (Instr. 8) S (A (A D O (I |   | 5. Numof Deriva Securi Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5) | ative ities red sed 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)  |                    | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                             |                | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4)                        | Ownersl<br>Form of<br>Derivati<br>Security<br>Direct (I<br>or Indire | Ownershi<br>(Instr. 4) |  |                         |
|   |   |  |  | Code  | V   | (A)                       | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisabl | Expirate Date  | tion                        | Title          | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |  |                        |  |                         |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)           | \$ 48.48  | 05/07/2004                             |  | A   |   | 2,500                     | )   | (1)                | 05/07  | /2014                       | Commo<br>Stock | -12.500  | \$ 0   | 2,500                  | D  |                         |

### **Reporting Owners**

| B (1 0 N /   | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| BAUM RICHARD<br>572 SUMMIT AVENUE<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 | X             |              |         |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

| By: Harold F. Zagunis For: Richard Baum | 05/07/2004 |
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| **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) Options are 100% vested at grant.

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