## FORM 4

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person *- PICARD LOREN R           |   |                              |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT] |         |  |       |        |                                     |   |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)   |  |  |   |           |
|--|---|------------------------------|--|---|---------|--|-------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|-----------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1 BELVEDERE PLACE, SUITE 300             |   |                              |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2005         |         |  |       |        |                                     |   | r)   |  | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President   |  |  |   |           |
| (Street) MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                                   |   |                              |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                |         |  |       |        |                                     |   |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group FilingCheck Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |   |           |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |   |                              | (Zip)  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu                            |         |  |       |        |                                     |   | Securities   | s Acquire  | rired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |  |   |           |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y |   |                              | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>r) any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | ite, if | (Instr. 8)   |       | (1     | A) or Di                            | Gecurities Acquired or Disposed of (D) str. 3, 4 and 5) |  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially<br>Owned Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)                                     | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |           |
| 1. Title of  | 2.  | 3. Transaction               | Table II -   | Derivativ   |         | lls, war   | rants | 5, or  | a curre<br>red, Dispo<br>ptions, co | ently va<br>osed of,<br>onvertib                        | lid OMB<br>or Benef<br>le securit                                      | control<br>icially Ow  | number.   |  | form displa  |   | 11, Natur |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | sion Date (Month/Day/Year) f | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if                               | if Transaction<br>Code  |         | Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, |       | /e   H | (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 | Ownersh<br>Form of<br>Derivati<br>Security<br>Direct (I<br>or Indire | (Instr. 4)  |           |
|  |   |                              |  | Code  | V       | and 5)   | (1)   | I      | Date<br>Exercisab                   |   | ration   | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |  | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)  | (s) (I)<br>(Instr. 4)   |           |
| Dividend<br>Equivalent<br>Right                                  | \$ 0  | 01/21/2005                   |  | A   |         | 102.4  | 16    |        | <u>(1)</u>                          | 12/1  | 10/2013  | Commo  | 1111/46   | \$ 0   | 467.02   | D   |           |
| Dividend<br>Equivalent<br>Right                                  | \$ 0  | 01/21/2005                   |  | A   |         | 101.4  | 15    |        | <u>(2)</u>                          | 12/0  | 01/2014  | Commo  | 1101 45   | \$ 0   | 101.45   | D   |           |

### **Reporting Owners**

| D (1 0 N /  | Relationships |              |                |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name /<br>Address   | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer        | Other |  |  |  |
| PICARD LOREN R<br>1 BELVEDERE PLACE<br>SUITE 300<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 |               |              | Vice President |       |  |  |  |

#### **Signatures**

| Loren R. Picard                 | 01/25/2005 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **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) Twenty-five percent of the options vest on January 1, 2005. The remaining seventy-five percent of the shares vest in twelve quarterly installments from April 1, 2005 through January 1, 2008.

(2) 25% of the options vest on 1/1/2006. The remaining options vest quarterly in equal installments, at a rate of 6.25%, on the first day of each quarter beginning on 4/1/06 through 1/1/2009.

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