

REDWOOD TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
January 13, 2012

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

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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): January 12, 2012

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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)

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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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Appointment of Certain Officers

(c) On January 12, 2012, Redwood Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that Mr. Brett D. Nicholas was appointed President of the Company. Mr. Martin S. Hughes, will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer and as a Director of the Company, but will no longer serve as President.

Further information relating to Mr. Nicholas that is responsive to the requirements of Item 5.02(c) of Form 8-K is incorporated by reference from the Company’s Proxy Statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, a copy of which was filed with the SEC on April 4, 2011.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 12, 2012, the Company issued a press release, which included an announcement of Mr. Nicholas’ appointment as President. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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. Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated as of January 12, 2012

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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.

Date: January 13, 2012

REDWOOD TRUST, INC.

By: */s/ Andrew P. Stone*  
Name: Andrew P. Stone  
Title: General Counsel and Secretary

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