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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement REDWOOD TRUST INC [RWT] A Isbrandtsen John (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1 BELVEDERE (Check all applicable) PLACE, Â SUITE 300 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Managing Director Person MILL VALLEY, CAÂ 94941 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 7,364 Common Stock 1,000 I by IRA Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | or Exercise | | Ownership |
|--|--|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| | | (Instr. 4) | Price of | Derivative | (Instr. 5) |

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 04/03/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$ 14.8125 | D | Â |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 12/14/2010 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 17.625 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 12/10/2013 | Common Stock | 7,500 | \$ 52.46 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 12/01/2014 | Common Stock | 5,152 | \$ 58.23 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 12/17/2011 | Common Stock | 416 | \$ 58.87 | D | Â |
| Stock Units in Deferred Compensation Plan | (2) | (3) | Common Stock | 80,007.05 (4) | \$ 0 (5) | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|--|
| , <u> </u> | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| Isbrandtsen John | | | | | |
| 1 BELVEDERE PLACE | Â | Â | Managing Director | â | |
| SUITE 300 | А | А | A Managing Director | A | |
| MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 | | | | | |

Signatures

John Isbrandtsen 04/02/2010

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 currently exercisable
- (2) This transaction relates to the acquisition of Deferred Stock Units in accordance with the deferral election made according to the terms and conditions of the Redwood Trust Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) No expiration date is applicable to deferred stock units.
- (4) Includes grants awarded annually from 2004 to 2009 with four year vesting schedule and voluntary deferrals of cash compensation in 2008 and 2009 into the Redwood Trust Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) No exercise price is applicable to deferred stock units.

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