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Redwood Trust Reports First Quarter 2015 Results

MILL VALLEY, Calif., May 4, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Redwood Trust, Inc. (NYSE:RWT) today reported net income for the first quarter of 2015 of \$15 million, or \$0.16 per fully diluted share. This compares to net income of \$27 million, or \$0.31 per fully diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2014 and net income of \$12 million, or \$0.14 per fully diluted share, for the first quarter of 2014.

Redwood also reported estimated REIT taxable income of \$15 million, or \$0.18 per share, for the first quarter of 2015. This compares to estimated REIT taxable income of \$16 million, or \$0.19 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2014 and estimated REIT taxable income of \$15 million, or \$0.19 per share, for the first quarter of 2014.

At March 31, 2015, Redwood reported a book value per share of \$15.01, as compared to \$15.05 at December 31, 2014, and \$15.14 at March 31, 2014.

Additional information on Redwood's business, financial results, and taxable income can be found in The Redwood Review, a quarterly publication available on Redwood's website at www.redwoodtrust.com. In order to complete the formatting of its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) tags, Redwood plans to file this Quarterly Report with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Monday, May 11, 2015, and make it available on Redwood's website.

Redwood will host an earnings call today, May 4, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time / 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss its first quarter 2015 financial results. The number to dial in order to listen to the conference call is 1-888-670-2260 in the U.S. and Canada. International callers must dial 1-913-312-1489. Callers should reference call ID #1116626. A replay of the call will be available through midnight on May 18, 2015, and can be accessed by dialing 1-877-870-5176 in the U.S. and Canada or 1-858-384-5517 internationally and entering access code #1116626. Live audio of the conference call will also be accessible over the internet at www.redwoodtrust.com, where a link to the call will be posted on Redwood's home page. To listen to the call over the internet, go to the Redwood website at least 15 minutes before the call to register and to download and install any needed audio software. An audio replay of the call will also be available on Redwood's website following the call.

Cautionary Statement: This press release and the related conference call contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements related to estimates of taxable income and the filing of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ from our beliefs,

expectations, estimates, and projections and, consequently, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements are not historical in nature and can be identified by words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "will," "should," "expect," "believe," "intend," "seek," "plan" and similar expressions or their negative forms, or by references to strategy, plans, or intentions. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, among other things, those described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Risk Factors." Other risks, uncertainties, and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected may be described from time to time in reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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Consolidated Income Statements (1) (\$ in millions, except share and per share data)	First		Fourth		Third		Second		First	
	Quarter 2015		Quarter 2014		Quarter 2014		Quarter 2014		Quarter 2014	
Interest income	\$	64	\$	65	\$	63	\$	58	\$	55
Interest expense		(24)		(24)		(23)		(21)		(19)
Net interest income		40		41		40		37		36
(Provision) reversal of provision for loan losses		-		(2)		2		-		(1)
Net interest income after provision		40		40		42		37		35
Noninterest income										
Mortgage banking activities		2		11		18		6		-
MSR income		(11)		(9)		6		(2)		1
Other market valuation adjustments		(1)		4		(4)		(4)		(6)
Realized gains, net		4		5		9		1		1
Other income		1		-		2		-		
Total noninterest (loss) income, net		(5)		11		31		1		(5)
Operating expenses		(25)		(26)		(21)		(22)		(20)
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes		5		3		(5)				2
Net income	\$	15	\$	27	\$	45	\$	16	\$	12
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Weighted average diluted shares (thousands)	Φ	85,622	Φ	85,384		6,956		5,033		4,941
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.16	\$	0.31	\$	0.50	\$	0.18	\$	0.14
Regular dividends declared per common share	\$	0.28	\$	0.28	\$	0.28	\$	0.28	\$	0.28

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Consolidated Balance Sheets (1) (\$ in millions, except share and per share	31-Mar		3	31-Dec 2014		0-Sep	3	30-Jun		31-Mar	
data)		2015				2014		2014		2014	
Residential loans Commercial loans Real estate securities Mortgage servicing rights Cash and cash equivalents Other assets	\$	3,400 460 1,285 120 304 247	\$	3,399 567 1,379 139 270 165	\$	3,288 498 1,395 135 150 146	\$	2,724 469 1,845 71 157 112	\$	2,465 491 1,743 65 150 93	
Total Assets	\$	5,816	\$	5,919	\$	5,612	\$	5,379	\$	5,007	
Short-term debt Other liabilities Asset-backed securities issued Long-term debt Total liabilities	\$	1,502 153 1,353 1,551 4,559	\$	1,794 129 1,545 1,195 4,663	\$	1,888 104 1,656 697 4,345	\$	1,718 97 1,768 547 4,130	\$	1,289 100 1,854 513 3,756	
Stockholders' equity		1,257		1,256		1,267		1,249		1,251	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	5,816	\$	5,919	\$	5,612	\$	5,379	\$	5,007	
Shares outstanding at period end (thousands) GAAP book value per share	\$	83,749 15.01	\$	83,443 15.05	\$	83,284 15.21	\$	83,080 15.03	\$	82,620 15.14	

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