

Stein A William  
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# FORM 4

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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Stein A William

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Digital Realty Trust, Inc. [DLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
560 MISSION STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/20/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CFO and CIO

(Street)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	03/20/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,362	A	\$ 10,328	D
Common Stock	03/20/2012		S <sup>(7)</sup>		3,362	D	\$ 72.51	D
Common Stock	03/20/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>		9,638	A	\$ 16,604	D
Common Stock	03/20/2012		S <sup>(7)</sup>		9,638	D	\$ 72.51	D



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- (2) Class C Units are membership interests in the Operating Partnership of which the Issuer is the general partner. Vested Class C Units that have satisfied the performance condition and achieved full parity with Common Units receive the same quarterly distributions as Common Units, and may be converted into an equal number of Common Units on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units will be redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Class C Units have achieved full parity with Common Units.
- (3) In accordance with the terms of a Trading Plan (SEC Rule 10b5-1 Securities Exchange Act of 1934), the reporting person converted long-term incentive units into Common Units of the Operating Partnership, and subsequently redeemed the Common Units for shares of the common stock of the Issuer, all in accordance with the requirements of the Limited Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership.
- (4) Long-term incentive units are profits interest units in the Operating Partnership. Vested profits interest units may be converted into an equal number of Common Units in the Operating Partnership on a one-for-one basis at any time. Common Units are redeemable for cash based on the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, or, at the election of the Issuer, for an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions or similar events.
- (5) 1 for 1.
- (6) N/A
- (7) Common Stock sold in accordance with the terms of a Trading Plan (SEC Rule 10b5-1 - Securities Exchange Act of 1934).
- (8) Represents the average sale price. Exact sale prices range from \$72.5 to \$72.64.

### Remarks:

This statement of changes in beneficial ownership ("Form 4") of securities of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") is being filed.

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