NUVEEN CALIFORNIA SELECT TAX FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO Form N-Q August 29, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-6623

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 6/30/13

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio (NXC) June 30, 2013

Principal		Optional Call		
Amount (000)	Description (1)	Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)Va	lue
	Consumer Staples – 4.1%			
	California County Tobacco Securitization			
	Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed			
\$ 95	Bonds, Sonoma	6/15 at 100.00	BB+	\$ 91,133
	County Tobacco Securitization Corporation,			
	Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21			
	California County Tobacco Securitization			
	Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed			
385	Revenue	9/13 at 100.00	A3	386,086
	Bonds, Fresno County Tobacco Funding			
	Corporation, Series 2002, 5.625%, 6/01/23			
	Golden State Tobacco Securitization			
	Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement			
	Asset-Backed			
	Bonds, Series 2007A-1:			
1,065	5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	В	915,016
1,885	5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	В	1,468,622
	Golden State Tobacco Securitization			
	Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement			
1,095	Asset-Backed	6/22 at 100.00	В	930,684
	Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37			
4,525	Total Consumer Staples			3,791,541
	Education and Civic Organizations – 3.9%			
	California Educational Facilities Authority,			
3,000	Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series	4/18 at 100.00	Aa3	3,240,150
	2008A, 5.625%, 4/01/37			
	California Educational Facilities Authority,	10/15 at		
45	Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series	100.00	A3	45,576
	2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35			
	California Educational Facilities Authority,			
	Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific,			
	Series 2006:			
		11/15 at		
35	5.000%, 11/01/21	100.00	A2	37,338
		11/15 at		
45	5.000%, 11/01/25	100.00	A2	47,252
250	California Statewide Communities	7/21 at 100.00	BBB-	266,038
	Development Authority, School Facility			

	Revenue Bonds, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series			
3,375	2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46 Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 12.5%			3,636,354
235	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children's	8/21 at 100.00	A+	242.755
233	Hospital – San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41 California Health Facilities Financing	8/21 at 100.00	A+	242,755
2,550	Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	AA-	2,584,476
1.500	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Insured Mortgage Hospital Revenue	7 42 . 100 00		1 402 225
1,500	Bonds, Mission Community Hospital, Series 2001, 5.375%, 11/01/26	7/13 at 100.00	A	1,492,235
425	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Children's Hospital of	8/17 at 100.00	BBB+	429.019
423	Los Angeles, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/47 California Statewide Community Development	8/17 at 100.00	DDD+	428,018
545	Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	555,001
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente			
2,000	System, Series 2007A, 4.750%, 4/01/33 California Statewide Community Development	4/17 at 100.00	A+	1,985,920
1,000	Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series	11/15 at 100.00	AA-	1,002,720
	2005A, 5.000%, 11/15/43 Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical	12/17 at		
540	Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38 Palomar Pomerado Health Care District,	100.00	BBB	600,610
1,100	California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010,	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	1,134,430
	6.000%, 11/01/41 San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series	12/21 at		
670	2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	100.00	ВВ	765,415
800	Upland, California, Certificates of Participation, San Antonio Community Hospital, Series	1/21 at 100.00	A	895,312
11,365	2011, 6.500%, 1/01/41 Total Health Care			11,686,892

	Housing/Multifamily – 0.8% California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas			
375	Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	390,128
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas			
395	Projects Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	395,253
770	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 0.1%			785,381
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H,			
45	5.750%, 8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/16 at 100.00	BBB	47,057
	Industrials – 1.2% California Pollution Control Financing			
1,015	Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Republic	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,107,629
1,013	Services Inc., Series 2002C, 5.250%, 6/01/23 (Mandatory put 12/01/17) (Alternative	No Opt. Can	ВВВ	1,107,029
	Minimum Tax) Tax Obligation/General – 37.7%			
750	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 2/01/23	2/14 at 100.00	A1	769,050
730	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 5.500%,	11/19 at	711	707,030
1,650	11/01/39 California State, General Obligation Bonds,	100.00	A1	1,790,217
	Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%,	10/21 at		
1,965	10/01/41	100.00	A1	2,034,758
	California State, General Obligation Bonds,			
2,000	Various Purpose Series 2012, 5.250%, 4/01/35 Escondido Union High School District, San		A1	2,132,800
6,225	Diego County, California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2009, 0.000%,	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,795,228
	8/01/36 – AGM Insured Golden West Schools Financing Authority,			
	California, General Obligation Revenue			
	Refunding			
	Bonds, School District Program, Series 1999A:			
4,650	0.000%, 8/01/16 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	4,195,137
1,750	0.000%, 2/01/17 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	1,535,800
2,375	0.000%, 8/01/17 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	2,042,666
2,345	0.000%, 2/01/18 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	A	1,961,968
	Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, Santa Clara County, California,			
	General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series			
1,015	1995C: 0.000%, 5/01/17 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	948,934
1,013	0.000 /0, 5/01/17 - NFTO HISUICU	140 Opt. Call	Aal	240,234

1,080	0.000%, 5/01/18 – NPFG Insured Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Convertible Capital	No Opt. Call	Aa1	974,894
10,825 3,250	Appreciation, Election 2004 Series 2010A: 0.000%, 8/01/34 0.000%, 8/01/35 Sacramento City Unified School District, Sacramento County, California, General	No Opt. Call No Opt. Call	A+ A+	3,349,255 947,083
3,220	Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/27 – NPFG Insured San Bernardino Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election	7/15 at 100.00	A1	3,406,309
8,075	of 2008 Series 2009B, 0.000%, 8/01/44 Southwestern Community College District, San	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,312,349
6,655	Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C, 0.000%, 8/01/46 Sunnyvale School District, Santa Clara County,	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,022,607
2,565	California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – AGM Insured West Hills Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, School	9/15 at 100.00	AA	2,746,730
4,250	Facilities Improvement District 3, 2008 Election Series 2011, 0.000%, 8/01/38 – AGM Insured	8/31 at 100.00	AA-	2,154,835
64,645	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 25.3% Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Bell Project	10/13 at		35,120,620
1,000	Area, Series 2003, 5.625%, 10/01/33 – RAAI Insured California State Public Works Board, Lease	100.00	N/R	869,700
2,650	Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections, Calipatria State Prison, Series 1991A, 6.500%, 9/01/17 – NPFG Insured California State Public Works Board, Lease	No Opt. Call	A	2,914,841
1,500	Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds,	11/19 at 100.00	A2	1,772,100
120	Community Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured Chino Redevelopment Agency, California,	9/15 at 100.00	A	121,532
360	Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAG Insured	9/16 at 101.00 C	A-	334,670

2,000	Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Water System Financing, Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41 Fontana Public Financing Authority,	3/22 at 100.00	AA-	2,065,240
1,000	California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, North Fontana Redevelopment Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/32 – AMBAC Insured Fontana Redevelopment Agency, California,	10/15 at 100.00	A	1,000,130
270	Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	10/13 at 100.00	A-	270,348
250	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured Irvine Unified School District, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District Series 2006A:	5/17 at 100.00	BB+	251,938
55	5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	55,421
130	5.125%, 9/01/36 Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds,	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	129,554
215	Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 AMBAC Insured National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation	9/15 at 100.00 -	A1	219,672
135	Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24 Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax	8/21 at 100.00	A-	161,010
280	Allocation Bonds, Project Area 1, Refunding, School District Pass-Through, Series 2004, 5.000%, 3/01/32 – RAAI Insured Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax	3/14 at 100.00	N/R	266,904
1,000	Allocation Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2009, 7.000%, 3/01/34 Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field	3/18 at 100.00	A	1,125,780
50	Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40 Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds,	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	54,599
1,300	Community Facilities District 03-1 of Ladera Ranch, Series 2004A, 5.625%, 8/15/34 Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue	8/13 at 100.00	N/R	1,300,689

	Bonds, Series 2011:			
50	6.000%, 9/01/33	9/21 at 100.00	N/R	51,520
100	6.125%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	N/R	102,474
	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California,			•
	Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos			
415	Community	9/18 at 100.00	BBB-	432,198
	Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28			
	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority,			
	California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien			
160	Series	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	171,845
	2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30	,,		-,-,-,-
	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax			
105	Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series	9/15 at 100.00	A-	98,184
	2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY			, -
	Insured			
	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency,			
	California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa	10/21 at		
30	Valley Project	100.00	A-	32,390
	Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25			
	Roseville, California, Certificates of			
	Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A,			
130	5.000%,	8/13 at 100.00	AA-	130,391
	8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured			
	Sacramento City Financing Authority,			
605	California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds,	N. O. C.II		601.040
605	Series 1993A,	No Opt. Call	A	681,242
	5.400%, 11/01/20 – NPFG Insured			
	San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, California, Sales Tax Revenue			
1,365	Bonds,	4/22 at 100.00	AAA	1,451,445
1,303	Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	AAA	1,431,443
	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance			
	Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue			
25	Bonds,	2/21 at 100.00	A-	28,479
	Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project,			-,
	Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41			
	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing			
	Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue			
	Bonds,			
	Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project,			
	Series 2011D:			
25	7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	27,494
30	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	32,537
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California,			
(15	Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area	0/17 / 100 00	A	(05 (50
615	Redevelopment	8/17 at 100.00	A	605,658
	Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPFC Insured	J		
3,000	San Mateo County Transit District, California,	6/15 at 100 00	AA	3,225,330
3,000	Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A,	0/15 at 100.00	АА	3,223,330
	Suites Tun Revenue Donus, Selles 2003A,			

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	5.000%, 6/01/21 – NPFG Insured			
	Santa Clara County Board of Education,			
	California, Certificates of Participation, Series			
1,000	2002,	9/13 at 100.00	A	1,000,060
1,000	5.000%, 4/01/25 – NPFG Insured	3/13 at 100.00	А	1,000,000
	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority,			
1,000	California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series	4/17 at 100.00	AA+	1,061,470
1,000	2007A, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – AMBAC Insured	4/17 at 100.00	ААТ	1,001,470
	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California,			
40	Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011,	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	42,194
40	7.000%, 10/01/26	4/21 at 100.00	11/11	42,194
	Travis Unified School District, Solano County,			
1,000	California, Certificates of Participation,	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	989,950
1,000	Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – FGIC Insured	9/10 at 100.00	11/11	909,930
	Turlock Public Financing Authority,			
	California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,			
360	Series 2011,	3/21 at 100.00	BBB+	386,341
300	7.500%, 9/01/39	3/21 at 100.00	DDD I	300,341
	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange			
	County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue			
70	Bonds,	9/21 at 100.00	A-	79,893
, 0	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project,	3/21 at 100.00	11	,,,,,,
	Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%,			
	9/01/32			
22,440	Total Tax Obligation/Limited			23,545,223
,	Transportation -1.2%			, ,
	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor			
	Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds,			
1,150	Series	1/14 at 100.00	BBB-	1,149,989
•	1995A, 5.000%, 1/01/35			
	U.S. Guaranteed – 2.4% (4)			
	California State Public Works Board, Lease			
1,000	Revenue Bonds, Department of Mental Health,	6/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,048,910
	Coalinga State Hospital, Series 2004A,			
	5.500%, 6/01/23 (Pre-refunded 6/01/14)			
	California State, General Obligation Bonds,			
	Series 2004, 5.125%, 2/01/27 (Pre-refunded			
800	2/01/14)	2/14 at 100.00	AAA	823,264
	Roseville Joint Union High School District,			
100	Placer County, California, General Obligation	8/15 at 100.00	AA (4)	109,439
	Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27			
	(Pre-refunded 8/01/15) – FGIC Insured			
	San Mateo Union High School District, San	12/17 at		
225	Mateo County, California, Certificates of	100.00	AA-(4)	260,883
	Participation, Phase 1, Series 2007A, 5.000%,			
	12/15/30 (Pre-refunded 12/15/17) – AMBAC			
0.105	Insured			2.242.425
2,125	Total U.S. Guaranteed			2,242,496
1 000	Utilities – 6.6%		A A	1 067 670
1,000			AA-	1,067,670

	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2011A, 5.500%, 11/01/41 Long Beach Bond Finance Authority,	11/20 at 100.00		
645	California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 11/15/37 Merced Irrigation District, California,	No Opt. Call	A	682,178
7,600	Certificates of Participation, Water and Hydroelectric Series 2008B, 0.000%, 9/01/23	9/16 at 64.56	A	4,195,728
215	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%,	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	216,191
9,460	9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 3.6% Collifornia Pollution Control Financing			6,161,767
	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds, Poseidon Resources Channelside Desalination Project, Series 2012:			
535	5.000%, 7/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	493,559
1,000	5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax) Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series	No Opt. Call	Baa3	891,630
150	2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPFG Insured Los Angeles, California, Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien, Refunding Series 2013A:	4/16 at 100.00	AA-	155,715
460	5.000%, 6/01/26	6/23 at 100.00	AA	517,491
1,000	5.000%, 6/01/34 Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority, California, Revenue	6/23 at 100.00	AA	1,069,380
250	Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA	267,513
3,395	Total Water and Sewer			3,395,288
124,310	Total Investments (cost \$88,742,562) – 99.4% Floating Rate Obligations – (1.7)% Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.3% Net Assets – 100%			92,670,237 (1,540,000) 2,061,155 \$ 93,191,392

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Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Prices are determined using significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	- \$92,670,237	\$ —	- \$92,670,237

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

As of June 30, 2013, the cost of investments was \$87,176,129.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of June 30, 2013, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:

Appreciation	\$ 5,853,636
Depreciation	(1,903,975)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 3.949.661

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
 - Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency
- (4) securities, which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.
- N/R Not rated.
- (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date: August 29, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman

Gifford R. Zimmerman

Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date: August 29, 2013

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy

Stephen D. Foy

Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date: August 29, 2013