

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form N-Q

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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 811-09161

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
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Date of fiscal year end: 2/28

Date of reporting period: 5/31/12

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)  
Nuveen California Dividend Advantage  
Municipal Fund (NAC)  
May 31, 2012

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Staples – 7.1% (5.0% of Total Investments)			
\$ 810	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	6/15 at 100.00	BB+	\$ 784,080
20,615	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1: 5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BB–	16,529,107
2,895	5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BB–	2,094,214
8,255	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	BB–	6,174,988
32,575	Total Consumer Staples			25,582,389
	Education and Civic Organizations – 6.1% (4.2% of Total Investments)			
2,500	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2010, 5.000%, 2/01/40	2/20 at 100.00	Aa3	2,745,725
290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	297,537
10,000	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Southern California, Series 2007A, 4.500%, 10/01/33 (UB)	10/17 at 100.00	Aa1	10,772,200
	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:			

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200	5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	214,954
265	5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	280,431
4,685	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.071%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	5,423,450
1,250	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46	7/21 at 100.00	BBB	1,351,925
605	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23	10/13 at 100.00	N/R	613,470
19,795	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 31.1% (21.7% of Total Investments)			21,699,692
2,160	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/15	3/13 at 100.00	A	2,219,011
3,815	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Healthcare West, Series 2008J, 5.625%, 7/01/32	7/15 at 100.00	A+	4,168,345
1,420	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children's Hospital – San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41	8/21 at 100.00	A+	1,505,498
14,895	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	AA–	15,693,074
6,530	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011B, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	7,733,871
1,120	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35	3/15 at 100.00	A	1,153,678
5,500	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	6,513,980
3,325		7/17 at 100.00	N/R	3,358,051

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	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31			
1,760	5.250%, 7/01/24	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	1,839,270
3,870	5.250%, 7/01/30	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	3,938,615
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A:			
10,140	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41	3/16 at 100.00	A+	10,548,338
3,095	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	3,432,417
9,980	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41 – BHAC Insured (UB)	3/16 at 100.00	AA+	10,571,914
2,250	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Methodist Hospital Project, Series 2009, 6.750%, 2/01/38	8/19 at 100.00	Aa2	2,720,138
1,586	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, St. Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 18.352%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA–	2,101,958
10,500	Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31	10/12 at 100.00	AA–	10,509,555
1,000	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 12/01/23	12/15 at 100.00	BBB	1,007,400
2,860	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38	12/17 at 100.00	BBB	3,276,330
1,000	Madera County, California, Certificates of Participation, Children’s Hospital Central California, Series 2010, 5.375%, 3/15/36	3/20 at 100.00	A+	1,052,520
1,725	Newport Beach, California, Revenue Bonds, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presybterian, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 12/01/40	12/21 at 100.00	AA	2,088,854
675	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series	11/20 at 100.00	BB+	695,432

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	2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29 Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	5,741,957
5,450	2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41 Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds,			
2,570	Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38 San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds,	7/17 at 100.00	Baa2	2,588,812
3,300	Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41 Santa Clara County Financing Authority, California, Insured Revenue Bonds, El Camino Hospital,	12/21 at 100.00	BB	3,920,631
3,000	Series 2007A, 5.750%, 2/01/41 – AMBAC Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A+	3,226,020
103,526	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 2.8% (2.0% of Total Investments)			111,605,669
2,000	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	2,176,280
4,600	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2012A, 5.125%, 8/15/32	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	4,756,722
320	Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority, California, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, San Juan Mobile Estates, Series 2006B, 5.850%, 5/15/41	5/16 at 100.00	N/R	323,811
1,725	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38	9/13 at 100.00	A+	1,750,064
1,120	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	1,135,378
9,765	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)			10,142,255
360	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%,	2/16 at 100.00	BBB	375,091

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	8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3206, 8.301%, 2/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF)	2/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,899,475
2,395				
2,755	Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments) California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional			2,274,566
5,120	Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (4) Long-Term Care – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)	No Opt. Call	D	1,124,557
1,000	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Harbor Regional Center Project, Series 2009, 8.000%, 11/01/29 Tax Obligation/General – 30.3% (21.1% of Total Investments) Alvord Unified School District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, 2007 Election Series 2011B:	11/19 at 100.00	Baa1	1,174,460
21,000	0.000%, 8/01/41 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	4,337,970
16,840	0.000%, 8/01/43 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	3,112,706
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	A1	11,795,500
5,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010: 6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	6,032,050
8,000	5.500%, 3/01/40	3/20 at 100.00	A1	9,045,520
1,000	5.250%, 11/01/40	11/20 at 100.00	A1	1,116,940
1,650	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011: 5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	A1	1,773,123
7,000	5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	A1	7,526,260
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012: 5.250%, 2/01/28	No Opt. Call	A1	2,324,940
5,000	5.250%, 2/01/29	No Opt. Call	A1	5,772,000
2,000	California State, Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	A1	2,155,280
4,435	California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 –	No Opt. Call	A1	5,238,356

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3,425	AMBAC Insured Coast Community College District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/31 – AGM Insured	8/18 at 100.00	Aa1	3,323,552
5,150	Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Facilities Financing Authority, California, General Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/26 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	6,062,426
3,000	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A-2, 5.000%, 7/01/24 – NPMF Insured	7/15 at 100.00	Aa2	3,329,100
5,210	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/35 – FGIC Insured	7/14 at 101.00	A1	5,299,768
575	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA+	629,792
4,000	San Diego Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2011, 5.000%, 8/01/41	8/21 at 100.00	AA+	4,515,360
5,000	San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 – AGM Insured	7/13 at 101.00	Aa2	5,300,050
50,070	Yosemite Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Capital Appreciation, Election 2004, Series 2010D, 0.000%, 8/01/42	No Opt. Call	Aa2	19,952,895
160,355	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 37.7% (26.2% of Total Investments) Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:			108,643,588
1,000	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	1,030,030
615	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	627,441
1,910	Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District 2007-1 Montesoro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25 (4)	8/17 at 102.00	N/R	611,658
1,990	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 – AGM Insured	9/12 at 100.00	AA–	2,009,223
1,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series	10/19 at 100.00	A2	1,149,600

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2,000	2009G-1, 5.750%, 10/01/30 California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series	11/19 at 100.00	A2	2,398,700
2,000	2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	2,030,540
710	Facilities District 90-2 – Talega, Series 2003, 6.000%, 9/01/33 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community	9/15 at 100.00	BBB	728,780
1,225	Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation	9/16 at 101.00	A–	1,215,176
1,480	Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured Commerce Joint Power Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Redevelopment	8/13 at 100.00	BBB	1,483,552
1,040	Projects 2 and 3, Refunding Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – RAAI Insured Dinuba Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged City of Dinuba Redevelopment Project and Dinuba Redevelopment Project 2, As Amended, Refunding	9/12 at 101.00	A–	1,044,732
1,430	Series 2001, 5.000%, 9/01/31 – NPFG Insured Fontana, California, Redevelopment Agency, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation	10/12 at 100.00	A–	1,435,119
3,490	Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27 Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities	9/12 at 100.00	BBB	3,508,776
1,125	District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 – NPFG Insured Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,143,056
3,980	Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 – AMBAC Insured	3/13 at 100.50	A	4,034,287
31,090	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement	6/15 at 100.00	AA–	31,894,294

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2,850	Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/35 – FGIC Insured Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	Baa3	2,419,109
4,500	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	N/R	4,914,315
1,285	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	5/17 at 100.00	BBB+	1,277,701
325	Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities District Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006A: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	333,730
755	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	763,116
675	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2002 Mountain House, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	660,143
2,000	Lee Lake Water District, Riverside County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 1 of Sycamore Creek, Series 2003, 6.500%, 9/01/24	9/13 at 102.00	N/R	2,088,740
1,000	Lindsay Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – RAAI Insured	8/17 at 100.00	BBB+	974,090
1,290	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	A1	1,312,136
1,530	Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 – AGM Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AA–	1,623,896
3,500	Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – NPPG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A–	3,508,435
695	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National	8/21 at 100.00	A–	816,750

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	City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24 Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area				
9,200	1, Series	3/13 at 100.00	A	9,305,708	
	2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPMG Insured North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D:				
535	5.000%, 9/01/26	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	540,056	
245	5.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	239,958	
	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment				
260	Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at 100.00	A–	296,863	
	Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central				
3,290	District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 – FGIC Insured	3/13 at 100.00	A–	3,396,958	
	Palmdale Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project Areas, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/01/24 – AMBAC Insured	12/14 at 100.00			
1,000	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011:		A–	1,009,700	
245	6.000%, 9/01/33	9/12 at 103.00	N/R	252,774	
530	6.125%, 9/01/41	9/12 at 103.00	N/R	546,679	
	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32	12/12 at 101.00			
8,250	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos Community	9/18 at 100.00	N/R	8,368,718	
2,130	Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28		BBB	2,304,234	
	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment	12/12 at 100.00			
1,570	Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 – NPMG Insured		BBB	1,577,175	
	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series				
845	2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	918,802	
	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series				
620		9/15 at 100.00	A–	621,885	

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150	2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project	10/21 at 100.00	A–	166,487
1,860	Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25 Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project	8/13 at 100.00	A–	1,881,111
770	Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 – NPFG Insured Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AA–	783,906
2,500	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	2,891,950
1,150	Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,176,163
120	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	A–	137,974
125	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D: 7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	143,155
155	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	175,407
2,695	San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project, Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 – AMBAC Insured	6/12 at 100.00	AA	2,703,813
1,000	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Housing Set-Aside Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2010A-1, 5.500%, 8/01/35	8/20 at 100.00	A	1,036,850
1,135	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,156,644
1,000		8/15 at 100.00	BBB	1,006,040

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	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – NPMG Insured			
5,000	Santa Ana Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2011A, 6.750%, 9/01/28	3/21 at 100.00	A+	5,786,250
205	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	223,124
1,200	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	3/21 at 100.00	BBB+	1,340,304
1,000	Washington Unified School District, Yolo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, 5.125%, 8/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A	1,047,000
600	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Refunding Series 2009A, 8.625%, 9/01/39	9/14 at 105.00	N/R	651,768
2,810	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38	9/13 at 103.00	N/R	2,855,101
2,000	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39	9/13 at 102.00	N/R	1,884,960
1,350	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39	9/13 at 103.00	N/R	1,293,867
150	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A: 6.000%, 9/01/26	9/21 at 100.00	A-	167,196
210	6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A-	235,477
132,395	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 3.6% (2.5% of Total Investments)			135,161,182
1,430	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge,	4/16 at 100.00	AA	1,588,902

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	Series 2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (UB) Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding	7/12 at 100.00	BBB-	11,152,119
11,150				
	Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40 Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Palm Springs International Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.450%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/14 at 102.00	N/R	113,972
120				
	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 7.5% (5.2% of Total Investments) (5)			12,854,993
12,700				
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Thomas Jefferson School	10/15 at 100.00	N/R (5)	750,654
675				
	of Law, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 10/01/31 (Pre-refunded 10/01/15) Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed	6/13 at 100.00	Aaa	2,724,409
2,625				
	Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13) Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System	11/13 at 100.00	AA- (5)	3,884,463
3,630				
	Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 (Pre-refunded 11/01/13) – AGM Insured Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1,	9/13 at 102.00	N/R (5)	2,123,970
1,940				
	Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13) Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1,	9/13 at 102.00	N/R (5)	1,453,294
1,335				
	Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13) Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A,	No Opt. Call	N/R (5)	8,150,888
5,840				
	5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM) San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds,	11/12 at 100.00	AA- (5)	3,942,841
3,865				
	Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/01/18 (Pre-refunded 11/01/12) – NPFG Insured University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A: 5.125%, 5/15/17 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) – AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1 (5)	627,600
600				

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2,900	5.125%, 5/15/17 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) – AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1 (5)	3,031,573
23,410	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 3.1% (2.2% of Total Investments)			26,689,692
3,775	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	3,897,046
5,500	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.000%, 7/01/31 – AGM Insured (UB)	7/15 at 100.00	AA–	6,015,955
1,270	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%, 9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	1,273,099
10,545	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 13.2% (9.1% of Total Investments)			11,186,100
875	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	913,833
2,500	Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 – AMBAC Insured	4/16 at 100.00	A+	2,624,625
9,955	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.250%, 7/01/39	1/21 at 100.00	AA	11,463,780
835	Marina Coast Water District, California, Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/31 – NPMFG Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA–	876,124
2,250	Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA	2,495,340
11,000	San Diego Public Facilities Financing Authority, California, Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2010A, 5.250%, 5/15/26	5/20 at 100.00	AA	13,235,090
12,000	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 11/01/43 (WI/DD, Settling 6/07/12)	5/22 at 100.00	AA–	13,332,120
2,000	West Basin Municipal Water District, California, Certificates of Participation, Refunding Series 2008B, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – AGC Insured	8/18 at 100.00	AA–	2,172,520

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41,415	Total Water and Sewer	47,113,432
	Total Investments (cost \$474,862,661) –	
\$ 555,356	143.7%	515,252,575
	Floating Rate Obligations – (7.2)%	(25,920,000)
	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at	
	Liquidation Value – (38.0)% (6)	(136,200,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 1.5%	5,304,700
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares –	
	100%	\$ 358,437,275

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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 three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – 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 risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of May 31, 2012:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$—	\$515,252,575	\$—	\$515,252,575

During the period ended May 31, 2012, the Fund recognized no transfers to or from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

### 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.

At May 31, 2012, the cost of investments was \$448,427,880.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at May 31, 2012, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$48,394,072

Depreciation	(7,487,998 )
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$40,906,074

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (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.
- (4) At or subsequent to the end of the reporting period, this security is non-income producing. Non-income producing security, in the case of a bond, generally denotes that the issuer has (1) defaulted on the payment of principal or interest, (2) is under the protection of the Federal Bankruptcy Court or (3) the Fund's Adviser has concluded that the issue is not likely to meet its future interest payment obligations and has directed the Fund's custodian to cease accruing additional income on the Fund's records.
- (5) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency 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.
- (6) Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 26.4%.

N/R Not rated.

WI/DD Purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

(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.

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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 Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

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

Date: July 30, 2012

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: July 30, 2012

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy  
Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date: July 30, 2012