

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form N-Q

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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: 5/31/11

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)				
Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)				
May 31, 2011				
Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Staples – 6.5% (4.3% of Total Investments)			
\$ 865	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	BBB	\$ 798,750
7,500	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	Baa3	5,170,500
24,265	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	Baa3	14,264,666
32,630	Total Consumer Staples			20,233,916
	Education and Civic Organizations – 7.2% (4.8% of Total Investments)			
290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/35 at 100.00	A3	257,340
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	AA+	9,544,900
200	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006: 5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	209,262
265	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, 5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	269,979
4,685	University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.091%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	4,580,150
610	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	580,177
3,000	Long Beach Bond Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Long Beach Aquarium of the South Pacific, Series 2001, 5.500%, 11/01/17 – AMBAC Insured	11/11 at 100.00	BBB	3,020,430
600	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 – AMBAC Insured (UB)	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1	651,600

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2,900	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 – AMBAC Insured (UB)	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1	3,116,833
22,550	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 28.7% (19.1% of Total Investments)			22,230,671
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	2,255,386
660	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/37	4/16 at 100.00	A+	597,874
14,895	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2008, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	AA–	14,047,028
6,530	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011B, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	6,849,252
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	1,025,360
5,500	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	5,716,150
810	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A: 4.800%, 7/15/17	No Opt. Call 7/17 at 100.00	N/R	816,796
3,325	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/24	7/15 at 100.00	N/R	2,802,410
1,760	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	1,586,693
10,140	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	3/16 at 100.00	A+	9,048,226
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+	3,008,526
9,980	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, 5.000%, 3/01/41 – BHAC Insured (UB)	3/16 at 100.00	AA+	9,642,077
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	2,493,653
1,586	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 18.728%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA+	1,204,091
10,500	Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31	10/11 at 100.00	A+	10,283,910

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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	885,510
2,860	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38	12/38 at 100.00	BBB	3,106,189
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	905,490
1,725	Newport Beach, California, Revenue Bonds, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presybterian, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 12/01/40	12/21 at 100.00	AA	1,822,704
675	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BBB-	653,859
5,450	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	4,873,227
2,570	Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38	7/17 at 100.00	Baa1	2,126,855
3,000	Santa Clara County Financing Authority, California, Insured Revenue Bonds, El Camino Hospital, Series 2007A, 5.750%, 2/01/41 – AMBAC Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A+	2,976,510
92,591	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 3.0% (2.0% of Total Investments)			88,727,776
2,010	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB-	1,882,868
4,785	Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/11 at 100.00	N/R	4,192,904
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	270,618
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+	1,662,779
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	1,105,518
9,960	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 0.5% (0.3% of Total Investments)			9,114,687
410	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%, 8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/16 at 100.00	A3	415,781
2,395	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3206, 8.650%, 2/01/24 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF)	2/17 at 100.00	Baa1	1,172,760
2,805	Total Housing/Single Family			1,588,541

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Industrials – 0.4% (0.2% of Total Investments)				
5,120	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (4)	No Opt. Call	CCC+	1,144,986
Long-Term Care – 2.5% (1.7% of Total Investments)				
1,000	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Harbor Regional Center Project, Series 2009, 8.000%, 11/01/29	11/19 at 100.00	Baa1	1,075,200
8,500	Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Certificates of Participation, Air Force Village West, Series 1999, 5.800%, 5/15/29	11/11 at 100.00	BB–	6,777,475
9,500	Total Long-Term Care Tax Obligation/General – 22.5% (14.9% of Total Investments)			7,852,675
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	A1	10,711,600
5,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010: 6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	5,448,400
8,000	5.500%, 3/01/40	3/20 at 100.00	A1	8,220,080
4,435	California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	5,274,191
38,365	Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/41 – AMBAC Insured	8/16 at 28.46	Aa1	4,487,938
3,425	Coast Community College District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/31 – AGM Insured	8/18 at 100.00	AA+	2,963,995
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+	5,497,883
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	4,747,873
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–	587,857
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	AA+	5,486,500
3,605	West Contra Costa Unified School District, Contra Costa County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/21 – AGM Insured	8/11 at 101.00	AA+	3,663,185
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	12,394,328
138,835	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 36.7% (24.4% of Total Investments)			69,483,830

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Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:

1,000	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	950,260
615	5.800%, 9/01/35 Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	547,682
1,910	2007-1 Montesoro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25 (4), (5)	8/17 at 102.00	N/R	955,000
1,990	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 – AGM Insured Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, Contra Costa County, California, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001:	9/12 at 100.00	AA+	2,058,177
1,110	5.375%, 11/01/18 – AGM Insured	11/11 at 100.00	AA+	1,129,347
1,165	5.375%, 11/01/19 – AGM Insured California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds,	11/11 at 100.00	AA+	1,184,956
1,000	Various Capital Projects, Series 2009G-1, 5.750%, 10/01/30 California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds,	10/19 at 100.00	A2	1,020,130
2,000	Various Capital Projects, Series 2009I-1, 6.375%, 11/01/34 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California,	11/19 at 100.00	A2	2,116,520
2,000	Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 90-2 – Talega, Series 2003, 6.000%, 9/01/33 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California,	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	1,956,560
710	Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino	9/15 at 100.00	BBB	679,420
1,225	Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage	9/16 at 101.00	A-	996,317
3,490	Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 – NPFG Insured Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community	9/11 at 100.00	Baa1	3,498,585
1,125	Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,026,563
3,980	Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 – AMBAC Insured Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California,	3/12 at 101.00	A	4,117,230
31,090	Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/35 – FGIC Insured Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax	6/15 at 100.00	AA+	27,851,977
2,850	Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	BBB-	2,199,858
4,500			N/R	4,083,300

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	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call		
	Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities District Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006A:			
		9/16 at		
325	5.000%, 9/01/26	100.00	N/R	305,149
		9/16 at		
755	5.125%, 9/01/36	100.00	N/R	652,894
	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Community Facilities District	9/16 at		
675	2002, Mountain House Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	100.00	N/R	544,914
	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		
2,000	Lindsay Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – RAAI Insured	102.00	N/R	2,022,620
		8/17 at		
1,000	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	BBB+	807,090
		9/15 at		
1,290	Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 – AGM Insured	100.00	A1	1,095,623
		3/14 at		
1,530	Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – NPFG Insured	100.00	AA+	1,563,369
		8/17 at		
3,500	National City Community Development Commission, San Diego County, California, Redevelopment Project Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	100.00	A–	2,864,190
		8/21 at		
695	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPFG Insured	100.00	A–	729,722
		3/13 at		
9,200	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D:	100.00	A	9,206,440
		9/14 at		
535	5.000%, 9/01/26	102.00	N/R	474,625
		9/14 at		
245	5.000%, 9/01/33	102.00	N/R	199,097
	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at		
260	Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 – FGIC Insured	100.00	A–	264,386
		3/13 at		
3,290		100.00	A–	3,366,854



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5,600	Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 – NPMFG Insured	11/11 at 101.00	Baa1	5,616,184
1,000	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	A–	911,220
1,570	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 – NPMFG Insured	12/12 at 100.00	Baa1	1,452,894
620	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	A–	512,759
150	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Jurupa Valley Project Area 2011 Tax Allocation Bonds Series B, 6.500%, 10/01/25	10/21 at 100.00	A–	151,670
1,860	Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 – NPMFG Insured	8/13 at 100.00	A–	1,809,055
770	Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AA–	770,963
2,500	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	2,650,775
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	1,078,861
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–	124,547
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	128,426
155	San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project, Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 – AMBAC Insured	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	158,692
2,695	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Housing Set-Aside Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2010A-1, 5.500%, 8/01/35	6/12 at 100.00	AA+	2,785,875
1,000	Santa Ana Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2011A, 6.750%, 9/01/28	8/20 at 100.00	A	888,280
5,000	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	3/21 at 100.00	A	5,258,100
205		4/21 at 100.00	N/R	202,886

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1,200	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	3/21 at 100.00	BBB+	1,233,420
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	955,560
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	633,846
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	2,528,157
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	1,570,740
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	1,079,204
	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A:			
150	6.000%, 9/01/26	9/21 at 100.00	A–	151,874
210	6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A–	212,398
120,900	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 13.7% (9.1% of Total Investments)			113,335,241
1,430	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (UB)	4/16 at 100.00	AA	1,452,894
11,150	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40	7/11 at 100.50	BBB–	9,375,924
8,515	Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 8/01/18 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	8/11 at 100.00	AA	8,565,664
120	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	108,694
22,825	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000K, 5.750%, 11/01/29 – FGIC Insured	11/29 at 100.00	A	22,824,315
44,040	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 15.3% (10.2% of Total Investments) (6)			42,327,491
9,750	California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12)	5/12 at 101.00	Aaa	10,283,325
115	California Department of Water Resources, Water System Revenue Bonds, Central Valley Project, Series 2001W, 5.250%, 12/01/22 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) – AGM Insured	12/11 at 100.00	AAA	117,918

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715	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 10/01/31 (Pre-refunded 10/01/15)	10/15 at 100.00	N/R (6)	798,612
3,250	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13)	6/13 at 100.00	AAA	3,522,740
1,940	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)	9/13 at 102.00	N/R (6)	2,220,291
1,335	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)	9/13 at 102.00	N/R (6)	1,513,036
10,845	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) – NPMFG Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AA– (6)	11,397,661
5,840	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A, 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)	8/11 at 100.00	N/R (6)	6,378,156
5,115	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/01/18 (Pre-refunded 11/01/12) – NPMFG Insured	11/12 at 100.00	Aa2 (6)	5,450,186
2,860	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Senior Series 2001A, 5.250%, 6/01/27 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12)	6/12 at 100.00	AAA	3,002,371
2,500	Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Series 2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12)	6/12 at 101.00	N/R (6)	2,658,125
44,265	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 4.5% (3.0% of Total Investments)			47,342,421
3,630	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 – AGM Insured	11/13 at 100.00	AA+	3,890,017
3,775	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	3,329,097
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+	5,606,425
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	1,099,160
14,175	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 9.1% (6.0% of Total Investments)			13,924,699
875	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	851,288
2,500	Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 –	4/16 at 100.00	A+	2,383,375

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835	Marina Coast Water District, California, Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/31 – NPFG Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA–	832,386
8,250	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32	12/11 at 102.00	N/R	7,482,668
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	2,298,353
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	Aa3	12,004,626
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+	2,035,416
27,710	Total Water and Sewer			27,888,112
\$ 565,081	Total Investments (cost \$483,634,815) – 150.6%			465,195,046
	Floating Rate Obligations – (9.2)%			(28,545,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.5%			7,822,195
	Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (43.9)% (7)			(135,525,000)
				\$
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			308,947,241

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 of 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, 2011:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$464,240,046	\$955,000	\$465,195,046

The following is a reconciliation of the Fund's Level 3 investments held at the beginning and end of the measurement period:

	Level 3 Municipal Bonds
Balance at the beginning of period	\$1,229,601
Gains (losses):	
Net realized gains (losses)	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(274,601)
Purchases at cost	—
Sales at proceeds	—
Net discounts (premiums)	—
Transfers in to	—

Transfers out of	—
Balance at the end of period	\$ 955,000

During the period ended May 31, 2011, the Fund recognized no significant transfers to/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, 2011, the cost of investments was \$454,605,610.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at May 31, 2011, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 13,122,950
Depreciation	(31,075,215)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$(17,952,265)

- (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 Investor 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) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment categorized as Level 3.
- (6) 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. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.

- (7) Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 29.1%, respectively.
  - N/R Not rated.
  - (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
  - (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
  - (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.
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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 29, 2011

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 29, 2011

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

Date July 29, 2011