

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
January 27, 2006

**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 811-09161

**Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Jessica R. Droeger Vice President and Secretary**

**333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 11/30/05

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ( OMB ) control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)**

**Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)**

*November 30, 2005*

**Principal  
Amount (000) Description<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Optional  
Provision**

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<b>Consumer Staples - 2.7% (1.9% of Total Investments)</b>		
\$	1,330 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 1
	5,200 Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33	6/13 at 1
	3,035 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	6/12 at 1
<b>Education and Civic Organizations - 11.8% (8.1% of Total Investments)</b>		
	5,000 California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Pepperdine University, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 12/01/35 - AMBAC Insured	12/15 at 1
	615 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23	10/13 at 1
	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 1
	700 University of California, Certificates of Participation, San Diego and Sacramento Campus Projects, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 1/01/22	1/10 at 1
	6,000 University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multiple Purpose Projects, Series 2000K, 5.000%, 9/01/12 University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2002O:	9/08 at 1
	10,770 5.000%, 9/01/20 - FGIC Insured	9/10 at 1
	11,305 5.000%, 9/01/21 - FGIC Insured	9/10 at 1
	3,500 University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 - AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 1
<b>Healthcare - 7.0% (4.8% of Total Investments)</b>		
	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 1
	1,325 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 2005, 5.000%, 11/15/34	11/15 at 1
	530 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/24	7/15 at 1
	8,000 Central California Joint Powers Health Finance Authority, Certificates of Participation, Community Hospitals of Central California Obligated Group, Series 2000, 6.000%, 2/01/30	2/10 at 1
	10,500 Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31	4/09 at 1
	2,500 Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Series 2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22	6/12 at 1
<b>Housing/Multifamily - 8.0% (5.5% of Total Investments)</b>		
	7,250 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Irvine Apartment Communities Development, Series 1998A, 4.900%, 5/15/25 (Mandatory put 5/15/08)	7/08 at 1
	5,215 California Statewide Community Development Authority, GNMA Collateralized Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Crowne Pointe Project, Series 2002F, 6.750%, 8/20/37	8/12 at 1
	5,000 Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	6/09 at 1
	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 1
	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 1
	7,500 San Bernardino County Housing Authority, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Equity Residential Properties/Redlands Lawn and Tennis Apartments, Series 1999A, 5.200%, 6/15/29	No Op

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(Mandatory put 6/15/09)

**Long-Term Care - 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)**

8,500 Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Certificates of Participation, Air Force Village West, Series 1999, 5.800%, 5/15/29 5/09 at 1

**Tax Obligation/General - 20.8% (14.3% of Total Investments)**

California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002:

8,000 5.000%, 2/01/12 No Op

4,435 6.000%, 4/01/16 - AMBAC Insured No Op

California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003:

2,000 5.250%, 11/01/19 - RAAI Insured 11/13 at 1

5,200 5.250%, 2/01/20 8/13 at 1

California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:

5,000 5.125%, 4/01/23 4/14 at 1

4,150 5.125%, 4/01/25 4/14 at 1

5,000 Fresno Unified School District, Fresno County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 6.000%, 8/01/26 - MBIA Insured No Op

2,335 Los Angeles Community College District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/26 - FSA Insured 8/15 at 1

10,845 Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 - MBIA Insured 7/12 at 1

3,335 Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/01/21 - FSA Insured 8/14 at 1

5,210 Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/35 - FGIC Insured 7/14 at 1

1,750 Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 8/01/21 - FSA Insured 8/08 at 1

Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005:

770 5.000%, 8/01/25 - MBIA Insured 8/15 at 1

810 5.000%, 8/01/26 - MBIA Insured 8/15 at 1

5,000 San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 - FSA Insured 7/13 at 1

San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A:

600 5.000%, 9/01/25 - MBIA Insured 9/15 at 1

880 5.000%, 9/01/27 - MBIA Insured 9/15 at 1

1,300 Ventura County Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 8/01/15 - MBIA Insured 8/12 at 1

3,605 West Contra Costa Unified School District, Contra Costa County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/21 - FSA Insured 8/11 at 1

**Tax Obligation/Limited - 36.2% (24.8% of Total Investments)**

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

1,000 5.500%, 9/01/24 9/14 at 1

615 5.800%, 9/01/35 9/14 at 1

Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, Contra Costa County, California, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001:

1,110 5.375%, 11/01/18 - FSA Insured 11/11 at 1

1,165 5.375%, 11/01/19 - FSA Insured 11/11 at 1

1,990 Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Refunding Bonds, 9/12 at 1

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Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 - FSA Insured		
7,400	California, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15	7/14 at 1
2,000	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 90-2 - Talega, Series 2003, 6.000%, 9/01/33	9/13 at 1
3,490	Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 - MBIA Insured	9/08 at 1
1,125	Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 1
3,980	Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 - AMBAC Insured	3/12 at 1
540	Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/20 - XLCA Insured	9/15 at 1
4,500	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 - AMBAC Insured	No Op
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 1
2,200	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25	9/13 at 1
1,500	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/13 at 1
5,000	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California, Proposition C Second Senior Lien Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 - AMBAC Insured	7/08 at 1
3,555	Los Angeles County Public Works Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Regional Park and Open Space District, Series 1997A, 5.000%, 10/01/16	10/07 at 1
1,530	Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 - FSA Insured	3/14 at 1
9,200	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 - MBIA Insured	3/11 at 1
5,545	Oakland Joint Power Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Oakland Convention Centers, Series 2001, 5.500%, 10/01/14 - AMBAC Insured	No Op
3,290	Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 - FGIC Insured	3/13 at 1
4,000	Orange County Local Transportation Authority, California, Limited Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Measure M, Series 1997A, 5.700%, 2/15/08 - AMBAC Insured	No Op
5,600	Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 - MBIA Insured	11/11 at 1
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 1
8,100	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds,aguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 - MBIA Insured	12/10 at 1
1,055	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,aguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2001, 5.375%, 12/15/16 - AMBAC Insured	12/11 at 1
620	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 - XLCA Insured	9/15 at 1
1,860	Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 - MBIA Insured	8/13 at 1
1,290	Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Multiple Projects, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35 - XLCA Insured	10/15 at 1
2,500	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 - AMBAC Insured	No Op
1,150	Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Series	9/14 at 1

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	2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33	
24,060	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998, 5.250%, 8/01/29	8/08 at 1
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 1
1,595	San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 99-1, Series 2003B, 6.000%, 9/01/24	9/09 at 1
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 1
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 1
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 1

**Transportation - 18.3% (12.6% of Total Investments)**

8,150	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40	1/10 at 1
8,515	Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 8/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - AMBAC Insured	8/11 at 1
23,000	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000K, 5.750%, 11/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FGIC Insured	5/10 at 1
23,275	San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series 2000, Issue 24A, 5.750%, 5/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax) - FSA Insured	5/10 at 1

**U.S. Guaranteed\*\*\* - 25.7% (17.6% of Total Investments)**

8,400	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 1998B, 5.250%, 10/01/14 (Optional put 10/01/08)	10/08 at 1
15,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 1999A, 6.125%, 12/01/30 (Pre-refunded to 12/01/09)	12/09 at 1
	California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A:	
2,500	5.375%, 5/01/17 (Pre-refunded to 5/01/12) - XLCA Insured	5/12 at 1
9,750	5.125%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded to 5/01/12)	5/12 at 1
5,000	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Certificates of Participation, Pride Industries and Pride One Inc., Series 1999, 7.250%, 11/01/29 (Pre-refunded to 11/01/09)	11/09 at 1
18,400	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999C, 5.250%, 7/01/24 (Pre-refunded to 7/01/09) - MBIA Insured	7/09 at 1
	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A:	
5,840	5.375%, 8/15/29	8/09 at 1
8,160	5.375%, 8/15/29 (Pre-refunded to 8/15/09)	8/09 at 1
4,000	Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2000, 5.750%, 7/01/16 (Pre-refunded to 7/01/10) - MBIA Insured	7/10 at 1
2,560	Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 8/01/23 - FGIC Insured	8/14 at 1
	Northern California Tobacco Securitization Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001A:	
2,500	5.250%, 6/01/31 (Pre-refunded to 6/01/11)	6/11 at 1
4,500	5.375%, 6/01/41 (Pre-refunded to 6/01/11)	6/11 at 1

**Utilities - 6.3% (4.3% of Total Investments)**

3,630	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 - FSA Insured	11/13 at 1
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7,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A-1, 5.250%, 7/01/21 - FSA Insured	7/11 at 1
8,370	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A-2, 5.375%, 7/01/19 - MBIA Insured	7/11 at 1
1,200	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A-2, 5.000%, 7/01/21 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 1
1,270	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%, 9/01/31 - XLCA Insured	9/15 at 1

**Water and Sewer - 6.6% (4.5% of Total Investments)**

9,165	California Department of Water Resources, Water System Revenue Bonds, Central Valley Project, Series 2001W, 5.250%, 12/01/22 - FSA Insured	12/11 at 1
8,250	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32	12/11 at 1
5,115	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/01/18 - MBIA Insured	11/12 at 1

\$ 499,975 Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$503,250,800) - 145.8%

Other Assets Less Liabilities - 2.2%

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value - (48.0)%

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares - 100%

(1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.

\* 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.

\*\* Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's or Moody's rating.

\*\*\* Securities are backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest. Such securities are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.

N/R Investment is not rated.

**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 and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions.

At November 30, 2005, the cost of investments was \$503,053,058.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at November 30, 2005, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:		
Appreciation	\$	29,311,480
Depreciation		(460,254)

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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$	28,851,226
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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: 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 Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger  
 Jessica R. Droeger  
 Vice President and Secretary

Date 1/27/06

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 1/27/06

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

Date 1/27/06

\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.