

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: 11/30/10

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)

November 30, 2010

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Staples – 6.5% (4.3% of Total Investments)			
\$ 905	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	\$ 840,673
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	5,384,850
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	14,668,193
32,670	Total Consumer Staples			20,893,716
	Education and Civic Organizations – 6.9% (4.6% of Total Investments)			
290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	266,606
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+	9,526,000
	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:			
200	5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	209,966
265	5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	272,545
4,685	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.176%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	4,511,561
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	579,921
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	3,041,010
600	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A: 5.125%, 5/15/17 – AMBAC Insured (UB)		Aa1	660,396

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		5/13 at 100.00		
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2,900	5.125%, 5/15/17 – AMBAC Insured (UB)	100.00	Aa1	3,152,764
22,550	Total Education and Civic Organizations			22,220,769
	Health Care – 29.7% (19.8% of Total Investments)			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility	3/13 at		
2,160	Revenue Bonds, Adventist	100.00	A	2,258,798
	Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/15			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds,	4/16 at		
660	Kaiser Permanente System,	100.00	A+	626,630
	Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/37			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds,	11/16 at		
10,000	Sutter Health, Series 2007A,	100.00	Aa3	9,322,100
	5.000%, 11/15/42 – NPFG Insured			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds,	11/16 at		
14,895	Sutter Health, Series 2007A,	100.00	AA–	14,377,101
	Trust 3146, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)			
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority,	3/15 at		
1,120	Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System	100.00	A	1,027,174
	West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35			
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority,			
	Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health			
	System, Series 2007A:			
		No Opt.		
810	4.800%, 7/15/17	Call	N/R	807,230
		7/17 at		
3,325	5.125%, 7/15/31	100.00	N/R	2,802,742
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue	7/15 at		
1,760	Bonds, Daughters of Charity	100.00	BBB	1,660,278
	Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/24			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue	3/16 at		
19,420	Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,	100.00	A+	18,239,458
	Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue	8/16 at		
3,095	Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,	100.00	A+	3,106,792
	Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue	3/16 at		
9,980	Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,	100.00	AA+	9,894,571
	Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41 – BHAC Insured (UB)			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue	8/19 at		
2,250	Bonds, Methodist Hospital	100.00	Aa2	2,515,658
	Project, Series 2009, 6.750%, 2/01/38			
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority,	7/18 at		
1,586	Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health	100.00	AA+	1,596,721
	System, Trust 2554, 18.054%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)			
	Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope	4/11 at		
10,500	National Medical Center,	100.00	A+	10,447,290
	Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31			
	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda	12/15 at		
1,000	University Medical Center, Series	100.00	BBB	946,870

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	2005A, 5.000%, 12/01/23			
	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda	12/17 at		
2,860	University Medical Center, Series	100.00	BBB	3,182,122
	2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38			
	Madera County, California, Certificates of Participation, Children's	3/20 at		
1,000	Hospital Central	100.00	A-	947,690
	California, Series 2010, 5.375%, 3/15/36			
	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California,	11/20 at		
675	Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A,	100.00	BBB-	657,072
	6.500%, 11/01/29			
	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of	11/20 at		
5,450	Participation, Series 2010,	100.00	Baa3	5,206,930
	6.000%, 11/01/41			
	Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California,	7/17 at		
2,570	Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical	100.00	Baa1	2,228,473
	Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38			
	Santa Clara County Financing Authority, California, Insured	8/17 at		
3,000	Revenue Bonds, El Camino Hospital,	100.00	A+	3,062,100
	Series 2007A, 5.750%, 2/01/41 - AMBAC Insured			
98,116	Total Health Care			94,913,800
	Housing/Multifamily - 2.9% (1.9% of Total Investments)			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park	8/20 at		
2,010	Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects	100.00	BBB-	1,946,745
	Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45			
	Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue	12/10 at		
4,785	Bonds, Delta View Apartments	101.00	N/R	4,242,860
	Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum			
	Tax)			
	Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority, California, Mobile	5/16 at		
320	Home Park Revenue Bonds, San	100.00	N/R	277,459
	Juan Mobile Estates, Series 2006B, 5.850%, 5/15/41			
	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue	9/13 at		
1,725	Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile	100.00	A+	1,673,647
	Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38			
	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien	9/13 at		
1,120	Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz	100.00	N/R	1,122,587
	Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38			
9,960	Total Housing/Multifamily			9,263,298
	Housing/Single Family - 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)			
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue	2/16 at		
530	Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%,	100.00	A	539,302
	8/01/30 - FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue	2/17 at		
2,395	Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3206,	100.00	A	1,389,148
	8.323%, 2/01/24 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF)			
2,925	Total Housing/Single Family			1,928,450
	Industrials - 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)			
	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Solid Waste	1/16 at		
2,000	Disposal Revenue Bonds, Waste	102.00	BBB	1,991,500
	Management Inc., Series 2002A, 5.000%, 1/01/22 (Alternative			
	Minimum Tax)			

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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+	1,169,459
7,120	Total Industrials Long-Term Care – 2.6% (1.7% of Total Investments)			3,160,959
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	1,023,660
8,500	Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Certificates of Participation, Air Force Village West, Series 1999, 5.800%, 5/15/29	5/11 at 100.00	BB–	7,183,095
9,500	Total Long-Term Care Tax Obligation/General – 21.6% (14.4% of Total Investments)			8,206,755
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010:			
5,000	6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	5,345,300
8,000	5.500%, 3/01/40	3/20 at 100.00	A1	8,025,120
10,000	California, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	A1	10,495,500
4,435	California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	5,144,423
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	4,774,908
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+	2,834,564
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+	5,554,584
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	4,756,261
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–	587,075
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+	5,572,750
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+	3,724,686
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	12,197,052
138,835	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 33.9% (22.6% of Total Investments)			69,012,223

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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	936,630
615	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	567,251
1,910	Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District 2007-1 Montesoro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25 (4), (5)	8/17 at 102.00	N/R	1,270,589
1,990	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Refunding Bonds, 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+	2,045,342
1,110	5.375%, 11/01/18 – AGM Insured	11/11 at 100.00	AA+	1,152,169
1,165	5.375%, 11/01/19 – AGM Insured	11/11 at 100.00	AA+	1,208,489
1,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2009G-1, 5.750%, 10/01/30	10/19 at 100.00	A2	1,011,990
2,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2009I-1, 6.375%, 11/01/34	11/19 at 100.00	A2	2,111,860
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 100.00	N/R	1,923,080
710	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	A	686,300
1,225	Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured	9/16 at 101.00	A–	1,056,612
3,490	Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 – NPFG Insured	3/11 at 100.00	A	3,519,525
1,125	Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,058,558
3,980	Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 – AMBAC Insured	3/12 at 101.00	A	4,178,483
31,090	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/35 – FGIC Insured	6/15 at 100.00	AA+	29,859,769
2,850	Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	BBB–	2,257,998
4,500			N/R	4,404,645

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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:			
325	5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R 295,230
755	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R 662,588
675	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Community Facilities District	9/16 at 100.00	N/R 552,197
	2002, Mountain House Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35		
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 1,932,840
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+ 779,690
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 1,116,792
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+ 1,557,433
3,500	Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – NPFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A 2,969,295
9,200	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPFG Insured	3/11 at 102.00	A 9,305,524
	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D:		
545	5.000%, 9/01/26	9/14 at 102.00	N/R 477,289
250	5.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 102.00	N/R 208,070
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 100.00	A 3,433,181
5,600	Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 – NPFG Insured	11/11 at 101.00	A 5,681,648
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– 997,510

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	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	12/10 at		
1,570	Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 – NPFG Insured	102.00	A	1,524,611
	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	9/15 at		
620	Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	100.00	A–	540,169
	Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	8/13 at		
1,860	Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 – NPFG Insured	100.00	A	1,844,190
	Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities,	8/13 at		
770	Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	AA–	764,025
	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue	No Opt.		
2,500	Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	Call	A1	2,683,100
	Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas	9/14 at		
1,150	Community Facilities District 4, Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33	100.00	N/R	1,105,771
	San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding	6/12 at		
2,695	Bonds, Civic Center Project, Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	AA+	2,831,798
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Housing Set-Aside	8/20 at		
1,000	Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2010A-1, 5.500%, 8/01/35	100.00	A1	991,250
	Washington Unified School District, Yolo County, California,	8/17 at		
1,000	Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, 5.125%, 8/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	A	966,780
	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds,	9/14 at		
600	Community Facilities District 01-1, Refunding Series 2009A, 8.625%, 9/01/39	105.00	N/R	641,490
	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds,	9/13 at		
2,810	Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38	103.00	N/R	2,631,031
	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds,	9/13 at		
2,000	Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39	102.00	N/R	1,635,880
	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds,	9/13 at		
1,350	Community Facilities District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39	103.00	N/R	1,123,902
112,645	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 13.8% (9.2% of Total Investments)			108,502,574
	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco	4/16 at		
1,430	Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (UB)	100.00	AA	1,446,245
	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco	4/18 at		
830	Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2008, Trust 3211, 13.319%, 10/01/32 (IF)	100.00	AA	902,857
	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll	1/11 at		
11,150	Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40	100.50	BBB–	10,252,314
8,515			AA	8,710,079

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	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		
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	110,544
22,825	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000K, 5.750%, 11/01/29 – FGIC Insured	5/11 at 100.00	A	22,832,076
44,870	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 17.5% (11.6% of Total Investments) (6)			44,254,115
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	10,488,465
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	120,758
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)	799,556
3,840	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	4,216,205
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)	2,272,438
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)	1,545,650
10,845	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) – NPFG Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AA– (6)	11,597,968
2,500	Northern California Tobacco Securitization Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001A: 5.250%, 6/01/31 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 100.00	AAA	2,561,575
4,500	5.375%, 6/01/41 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 100.00	AAA	4,613,670
5,840	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A, 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)	2/11 at 100.00	N/R (6)	6,388,201
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) – NPFG Insured	11/12 at 100.00	Aa2 (6)	5,540,568
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	3,063,031

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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)	2,713,800
51,855	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 4.4% (2.9% of Total Investments)			55,921,885
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+	3,871,867
3,775	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	3,481,871
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+	5,611,430
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	1,098,385
14,175	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 8.8% (5.9% of Total Investments)			14,063,553
875	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	857,693
2,500	Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 – AMBAC Insured	4/16 at 100.00	A+	2,491,925
835	Marina Coast Water District, California, Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/31 – NPFG Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A+	823,936
8,250	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32	12/11 at 102.00	N/R	7,621,268
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	2,298,240
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	12,046,539
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+	2,048,479
27,710	Total Water and Sewer			28,188,080
\$				
572,931	Total Investments (cost \$490,649,552) – 150.2%			480,530,177
	Floating Rate Obligations – (8.9)%			(28,545,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 1.1%			3,363,133
	Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (42.4)% (7)			(135,525,000)
				\$
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			319,823,310

Fair Value Measurements

In determining the fair value of the Fund's investments, various inputs are used. These inputs are 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 November 30, 2010:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$479,259,588	\$1,270,589	\$480,530,177

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	\$ —
Gains (losses):	
Net realized gains (losses)	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	—
Net purchases at cost (sales at proceeds)	—
Net discounts (premiums)	—
Net transfers in to (out of) at end of period fair value	1,270,589
Balance at the end of period	\$1,270,589

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

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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 November 30, 2010, the cost of investments was \$461,724,941.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at November 30, 2010, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 14,367,957
Depreciation	(24,103,059)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ (9,735,102)

- (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) The Fund's Adviser has concluded this 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 28.2%.
- 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.

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 Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

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

Date January 27, 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 January 27, 2011

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

Date January 27, 2011