

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form N-Q

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

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

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) | | | | |
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| 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:

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| 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 | | |
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| | 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 |
| | Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured | 8/17 at | | |
| 1,000 | Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 – AGM Insured | 100.00 | BBB+ | 807,090 |
| | Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – NPFG Insured | 9/15 at | | |
| 1,290 | National City Community Development Commission, San Diego County, California, Redevelopment Project Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24 | 100.00 | A1 | 1,095,623 |
| | Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPFG Insured | 3/14 at | | |
| 1,530 | North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D: | 100.00 | AA+ | 1,563,369 |
| | | 8/17 at | | |
| 3,500 | | 100.00 | A– | 2,864,190 |
| | | 8/21 at | | |
| 695 | | 100.00 | A– | 729,722 |
| | | 3/13 at | | |
| 9,200 | | 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 | 7.000%, 8/01/41 | 2/21 at 100.00 | BBB | 158,692 |
| 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+ | 2,785,875 |
| 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 | 888,280 |
| 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 | 5,258,100 |
| 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 | 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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| | AMBAC Insured | | | |
| 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:

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|---|----------------|
| 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.

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