

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form N-Q

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-09161

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

Nuveen Investments  
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Date of fiscal year end: 2/28

Date of reporting period: 11/30/11

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)

November 30, 2011

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Staples – 6.7% (4.5% 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	\$ 807,754
15,740	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BB+	11,127,236
16,025	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	BB+	10,002,645
32,630	Total Consumer Staples			21,937,635
	Education and Civic Organizations – 8.1% (5.4% of Total Investments)			
2,500	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2010, 5.000%, 2/01/40	2/20 at 100.00	Aa3	2,602,725
290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	278,473
10,000	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Southern California, Series 2007A, 4.500%, 10/01/33 (UB)	10/17 at 100.00	Aa1	10,042,800
	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:			
200	5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	212,044
265	5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	274,956
4,685	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.234%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	4,970,691
1,250	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46	7/21 at 100.00	N/R	1,237,038

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605	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23	10/13 at 100.00	N/R	591,769
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	5/12 at 100.00	BBB	3,005,220
2,900	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 – AMBAC Insured (UB)	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1	3,077,364
25,695	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 30.6% (20.6% of Total Investments)			26,293,080
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	2,232,792
1,420	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41	8/21 at 100.00	A2	1,397,834
14,895	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	AA–	14,826,036
6,530	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011B, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	7,069,770
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	1,099,526
5,500	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	5,979,050
3,325	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31	7/17 at 100.00	N/R	2,729,293
1,760	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A: 5.250%, 7/01/24	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	1,709,435
3,870	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	3,432,303
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+	9,903,130
3,095	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41 – BHAC Insured (UB)	8/16 at 100.00	A+	3,150,493
9,980	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41 – BHAC Insured (UB)	3/16 at 100.00	AA+	10,015,229
2,250	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Methodist Hospital	8/19 at 100.00	Aa2	2,560,253

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	Project, Series 2009, 6.750%, 2/01/38			
1,586	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 18.384%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF) Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope	7/18 at 100.00	AA–	1,613,025
10,500	National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31	4/12 at 100.00	A+	10,500,525
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	940,570
2,860	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38	12/17 at 100.00	BBB	3,159,185
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	979,990
1,725	Newport Beach, California, Revenue Bonds, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presybterian, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 12/01/40	12/21 at 100.00	AA	1,938,227
675	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BBB–	679,030
5,450	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	5,181,588
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	Baa2	2,291,309
3,300	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB	3,465,660
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+	3,086,550
99,711	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 2.9% (1.9% of Total Investments)			99,940,803
2,000	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB–	2,000,820
4,665	Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	6/12 at 100.00	N/R	4,211,375
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	292,851
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+	1,730,934
1,120	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	1,125,219

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	Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38			
9,830	Total Housing/Multifamily			9,361,199
	Housing/Single Family – 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)			
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue	2/16 at		
410	Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%,	100.00	BBB	410,189
	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	BBB	1,546,739
	8.443%, 2/01/24 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF)			
2,805	Total Housing/Single Family			1,956,928
	Industrials – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)			
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority,	No Opt.		
5,120	Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional	Call	D	1,122,150
	Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative			
	Minimum Tax) (4)			
	Long-Term Care – 2.2% (1.5% of Total Investments)			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Harbor	11/19 at		
1,000	Regional Center Project, Series	100.00	Baa1	1,095,520
	2009, 8.000%, 11/01/29			
	Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California,	5/12 at		
8,500	Certificates of Participation, Air	100.00	BB–	6,139,040
	Force Village West, Series 1999, 5.800%, 5/15/29			
9,500	Total Long-Term Care			7,234,560
	Tax Obligation/General – 25.3% (17.0% of Total Investments)			
	Alvord Unified School District, Riverside County, California,			
	General Obligation Bonds, 2007			
	Election Series 2011B:			
		No Opt.		
21,000	0.000%, 8/01/41 – AGM Insured	Call	AA–	3,143,280
		No Opt.		
16,840	0.000%, 8/01/43 – AGM Insured	Call	AA–	2,217,660
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series	11/19 at		
10,000	2009, 6.000%, 11/01/39	100.00	A1	11,134,000
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series			
	2010:			
		3/20 at		
5,000	6.000%, 3/01/33	100.00	A1	5,612,600
		3/20 at		
8,000	5.500%, 3/01/40	100.00	A1	8,368,960
		11/20 at		
1,000	5.250%, 11/01/40	100.00	A1	1,021,740
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series	10/21 at		
7,000	2011, 5.000%, 10/01/41	100.00	A1	6,983,340
	California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002,	No Opt.		
4,435	6.000%, 4/01/16 – AMBAC Insured	Call	A1	5,192,942
	Coast Community College District, Orange County, California,	8/18 at		
3,425	General Obligation Bonds, Series	100.00	Aa1	3,180,181
	2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/31 – AGM Insured			
	Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Facilities Financing	No Opt.		
5,150	Authority, California, General	Call	AA–	5,647,954

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	Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/26 – AGM Insured			
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	4,997,328
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–	603,118
4,000	San Diego Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2011, 5.000%, 8/01/41	8/21 at 100.00	AA+	4,237,240
5,000	San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 – AGM Insured	7/13 at 101.00	Aa2	5,402,250
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	14,870,289
146,705	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 38.8% (26.0% of Total Investments) Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:			82,612,882
1,000	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	987,290
615	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	586,027
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	707,273
1,990	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 – AGM Insured	9/12 at 100.00	AA–	2,041,044
	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, Contra Costa County, California, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001:			
1,110	5.375%, 11/01/18 – AGM Insured	5/12 at 100.00	AA–	1,114,118
1,165	5.375%, 11/01/19 – AGM Insured	5/12 at 100.00	AA–	1,169,252
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	1,045,750
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	2,176,560
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	2,010,320
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	BBB	705,321
1,225			A–	1,066,375

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	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		
695	National City Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project Area, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	8/21 at 100.00	A-	768,538
1,040	Dinuba Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged City of Dinuba Redevelopment Project and Dinuba Redevelopment Project 2, As Amended, Refunding Series 2001, 5.000%, 9/01/31 – NPMG Insured	3/12 at 102.00	A-	974,761
1,430	Fontana Redevelopment Agency, California, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	4/12 at 100.00	A-	1,430,315
3,490	Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 – NPMG Insured	3/12 at 100.00	Baa1	3,500,540
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	1,101,656
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	4,060,078
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-	30,108,489
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	Baa3	2,186,178
4,500	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	N/R	4,569,390
1,285	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	5/17 at 100.00	BBB+	1,166,536
325	Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities District Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006A: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	316,053
755	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	696,774
675	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Community Facilities District 2002, Mountain House Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	584,591
2,000	Lee Lake Water District, Riverside County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	9/13 at 102.00	N/R	2,075,620



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	District 1 of Sycamore Creek, Series 2003, 6.500%, 9/01/24 Lindsay Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax	8/17 at		
1,000	Allocation Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – RAAI Insured	100.00	BBB+	877,480
	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease	9/15 at		
1,290	Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	A1	1,184,181
	Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of	3/14 at		
1,530	Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 – AGM Insured	100.00	AA–	1,574,768
	Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%,	8/17 at		
3,500	8/01/37 – NPFPG Insured	100.00	A–	3,100,580
	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	3/13 at		
9,200	Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPFPG Insured	100.00	A	9,344,992
	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D:			
		9/14 at		
535	5.000%, 9/01/26	102.00	N/R	496,913
		9/14 at		
245	5.000%, 9/01/33	102.00	N/R	212,221
	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	9/21 at		
260	Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	100.00	A–	280,381
	Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax	3/13 at		
3,290	Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 – FGIC Insured	100.00	A–	3,365,209
	Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue	5/12 at		
5,600	Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 – NPFPG Insured	101.00	Baa1	5,617,136
	Palmdale Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax	12/14 at		
1,000	Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project Areas, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/01/24 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	A–	969,780
	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011:			
		No Opt.		
245	6.000%, 9/01/33	Call	N/R	244,089
		No Opt.		
530	6.125%, 9/01/41	Call	N/R	528,861
	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	9/18 at		
2,130	Los Medanos Community Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28	100.00	BBB	2,127,572
	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	12/12 at		
1,570	Refunding Bonds,aguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 – NPFPG Insured	100.00	Baa1	1,551,804
845			BBB+	861,976

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	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30	9/21 at 100.00		
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–	555,315
150	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley, Project Area, Series 2011-B, 6.500%, 10/01/25	10/21 at 100.00	A–	155,948
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–	1,869,746
770	Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AA–	776,630
2,500	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	2,734,200
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	1,159,131
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–	128,615
	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			
125	7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	132,348
155	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	163,556
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+	2,744,453
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	971,570
1,135	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	Baa1	1,059,148
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	5,470,700
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	209,477
1,200	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	3/21 at 100.00	BBB+	1,270,572
1,000			A	1,003,830

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	Washington Unified School District, Yolo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, 5.125%, 8/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	8/17 at 100.00		
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	642,606
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	2,711,032
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	1,690,180
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	1,160,811
	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-	157,727
210	6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A-	220,889
129,540	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 3.7% (2.5% of Total Investments)			126,475,276
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	1,504,131
11,150	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40	1/12 at 100.00	BBB-	10,373,403
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	110,392
12,700	Total Transportation			11,987,926
	U.S. Guaranteed – 13.2% (8.8% of Total Investments) (6)			
5,750	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	5,925,663
675	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)	757,640
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	3,486,665
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)	2,176,214
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)	1,485,935

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10,845	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) – NPMF Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AA– (6)	11,148,118
5,840	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A, 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	N/R (6)	6,489,642
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) – NPMF Insured	11/12 at 100.00	AA– (6)	5,337,758
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	2,931,929
600	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) – AMBAC Insured (UB)	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1 (6)	640,914
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)	2,592,500
40,710	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 4.3% (2.9% of Total Investments)			42,972,978
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–	3,874,771
3,775	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	3,369,716
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–	5,645,805
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	1,154,582
14,175	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 12.3% (8.3% of Total Investments)			14,044,874
875	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMF Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	887,363
2,500	Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 – AMBAC Insured	4/16 at 100.00	A+	2,551,049
9,955	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.250%, 7/01/39	1/21 at 100.00	AA	10,780,468
835	Marina Coast Water District, California, Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/31 – NPMF Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA–	847,599
8,250	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32	6/12 at 102.00	N/R	8,253,052

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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	2,346,119
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	12,325,939
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–	2,086,799
37,665	Total Water and Sewer			40,078,388
\$ 566,786	Total Investments (cost \$484,025,359) – 149.0%			486,018,679
	Floating Rate Obligations – (8.7)%			(28,545,000)
	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (41.7)% (7)			(136,200,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 1.4%			4,970,739
				\$
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			326,244,418

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Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

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

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

Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of November 30, 2011:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$485,311,406	\$707,273	\$486,018,679

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)	(522,328)
Purchases at cost	—
Sales at proceeds	—
Net discounts (premiums)	—
Transfers in to	—
Transfers out of	—
Balance at the end of period	\$ 707,273

During the period ended November 30, 2011, the Fund recognized no significant transfers to or from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At November 30, 2011, the cost of investments was \$455,053,740.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at November 30, 2011, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 21,506,375
Depreciation	(19,085,540)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 2,420,835

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
- (4) At or subsequent to the end of the reporting period, this security is non-income producing. Non-income producing security, in the case of a bond, generally denotes that the issuer has (1) defaulted on the payment of principal or interest, (2) is under the protection of the Federal Bankruptcy Court or (3) the Fund's  
 Adviser has concluded that the issue is not likely to meet its future interest payment obligations and has directed the Fund's custodian to cease accruing additional income on the Fund's records.
- (5) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment categorized as level 3.  
 Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
- (6) which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.  
 Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is
- (7) 28.0%.
- 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.

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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 January 27, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date January 27, 2012

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

Date January 27, 2012