NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND
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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: 11/30/12

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)
Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)
November 30, 2012

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Staples – 7.8% (5.6% of Total Investments)			
$ 810	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	BB+	$ 798,069
	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1:			
20,615	5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BB–	19,245,545
2,895	5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BB–	2,446,912
8,255	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	BB–	7,381,621
32,575	Total Consumer Staples			29,872,147
	Education and Civic Organizations – 6.7% (4.8% 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	2,857,550
290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	305,039
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	11,003,600
	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:			
200	5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	217,780
265	5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	286,984
4,685	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents,	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	6,045,524

	Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.296%, 3/01/33 (IF)			
1,250	California Statewide Communitities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46	7/21 at 100.00	BBB	1,435,888
565	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	572,317
2,775	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 – AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1	2,838,215
22,530	Total Education and Civic Organizations			25,562,897
	Health Care – 27.7% (19.8% of Total Investments)			
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	2,183,458
3,815	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Healthcare West, Series 2008J, 5.625%, 7/01/32	7/15 at 100.00	A	4,202,947
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	A+	1,586,424
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–	16,685,528
6,530	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011B, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	8,007,543
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	1,199,128
5,500	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA–	6,744,485
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	3,471,101
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A:			
1,760	5.250%, 7/01/24	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	1,848,141
3,870	5.250%, 7/01/30	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	4,024,761
150	5.250%, 7/01/35	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	155,397
10,140	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanante System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41	3/16 at 100.00	A+	11,136,762
3,095	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,	8/16 at 100.00	A+	3,465,069

	Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31			
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+	10,967,721
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	2,801,880
1,586	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 18.294%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA–	2,617,661
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	1,028,290
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	3,391,216
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+	1,099,760
1,725	Newport Beach, California, Revenue Bonds, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presybterian, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 12/01/40	12/21 at 100.00	AA	2,176,467
675	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BB+	733,158
5,450	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	6,010,315
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	2,679,354
3,300	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB	4,168,857
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+	3,371,430
93,176	Total Health Care			105,756,853
	Housing/Multifamily – 2.0% (1.4% of Total Investments)			
1,995	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	2,236,674
4,600	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2012A, 5.125%, 8/15/32	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	4,966,574
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	329,146
6,915	Total Housing/Multifamily			7,532,394
	Housing/Single Family – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)			
315			BBB	329,613

	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		
2,395	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3206, 8.263%, 2/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF)	2/17 at 100.00	BBB	2,308,588
2,710	Total Housing/Single Family			2,638,201
	Industrials – 0.1% (0.1% 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	D	306,022
	Long-Term Care – 0.3% (0.2% 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	1,215,360
	Tax Obligation/General – 30.8% (22.1% of Total Investments)			
	Alvord Unified School District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, 2007 Election Series 2011B:			
21,000	0.000%, 8/01/41 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	4,898,670
16,840	0.000%, 8/01/43 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	3,523,602
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	A1	12,635,400
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010:			
5,000	6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	6,435,450
8,000	5.500%, 3/01/40	3/20 at 100.00	A1	9,662,240
1,000	5.250%, 11/01/40	11/20 at 100.00	A1	1,199,230
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011:			
1,650	5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	A1	1,908,489
7,000	5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	A1	8,105,790
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012:			
2,000	5.250%, 2/01/28	2/22 at 100.00	A1	2,463,800
5,000	5.250%, 2/01/29	2/22 at 100.00	A1	6,154,850
2,000	5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	A1	2,329,720
4,435	California State, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 – AMBAC AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	5,215,117

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	Aa1	3,567,309
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–	6,451,302
3,000	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A-2, 5.000%, 7/01/24 – NPFG Insured	7/15 at 100.00	Aa2	3,307,200
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	5,445,075
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	633,742
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+	4,735,600
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	5,187,300
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	24,007,062
160,355	Total Tax Obligation/General			117,866,948
	Tax Obligation/Limited – 36.5% (26.2% of Total Investments)			
	Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:			
1,000	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	1,039,060
615	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	636,906
1,910	Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District 2007-1 Montesoro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25 (4)	8/17 at 102.00	N/R	516,082
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	1,213,880
2,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34	11/19 at 100.00	A2	2,468,840
2,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2012G, 5.000%, 11/01/31	No Opt. Call	A2	2,341,880
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	2,026,100
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	738,436

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–	1,261,162
1,480	Commerce Joint Power Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Redevelopment Projects 2 and 3, Refunding Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – RAAI Insured	8/13 at 100.00	BBB	1,489,013
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 – NPFG Insured	3/13 at 101.00	BBB+	1,048,154
1,430	Fontana, California, Redevelopment Agancy, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	4/13 at 100.00	A–	1,438,380
3,490	Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 – NPFG Insured	3/13 at 100.00	BBB	3,516,070
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	1,148,861
3,980	Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 – AMBAC Insured	3/13 at 100.50	A	4,035,362
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–	33,007,007
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	BB+	2,631,291
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	5,069,340
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+	1,327,598
	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	335,563
755	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	775,536
675	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2002 Mountain House, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	682,864
2,000			N/R	2,076,300

	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		
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+	1,024,810
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	1,332,918
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–	1,605,475
3,500	Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – NPFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A–	3,612,175
695	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	8/21 at 100.00	A–	886,646
9,200	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPFG Insured	3/13 at 100.00	A	9,254,004
	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D:			
535	5.000%, 9/01/26	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	548,001
245	5.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	247,903
260	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	308,539
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–	3,320,762
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–	1,062,490
	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011:			
245	6.000%, 9/01/33	3/13 at 103.00	N/R	253,107
530	6.125%, 9/01/41	3/13 at 103.00	N/R	547,368
8,250	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32	6/13 at 101.00	N/R	8,341,740
2,130	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos Community Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28	9/18 at 100.00	BBB–	2,354,971

	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	12/12 at		
1,570	Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment	100.00	BBB	1,571,931
	Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 – NPFG Insured			
	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue	9/21 at		
845	Bonds, Superior Lien Series	100.00	BBB+	987,222
	2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30			
	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	9/15 at		
620	Merged Project Area, Series	100.00	A–	632,487
	2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured			
	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax	10/21 at		
150	Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project	100.00	A–	173,201
	Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25			
	Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	8/13 at		
1,860	Refunding Bonds, Merged Project	100.00	A–	1,909,067
	Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 – NPFG Insured			
	Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities,	8/13 at		
770	Series 2003A, 5.000%,	100.00	AA–	787,202
	8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured			
	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue	No Opt.		
2,500	Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A,	Call	A1	2,923,725
	5.400%, 11/01/20 – AMBAC Insured			
	Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas	9/14 at		
1,150	Community Facilities District 4,	100.00	N/R	1,177,727
	Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33			
	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax	2/21 at		
120	Allocation Revenue Bonds,	100.00	A–	145,735
	Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41			
	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,			
	Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			
		2/21 at		
125	7.000%, 8/01/33	100.00	BBB	148,545
		2/21 at		
155	7.000%, 8/01/41	100.00	BBB	181,812
	San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding	2/13 at		
2,695	Bonds, Civic Center Project,	100.00	AA	2,706,400
	Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 – AMBAC Insured			
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Housing Set-Aside	8/20 at		
1,000	Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area	100.00	A	1,044,400
	Redevelopment Project, Series 2010A-1, 5.500%, 8/01/35			
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment			
	Project, Series 2006C:			
		8/17 at		
1,100	5.000%, 8/01/24 – NPFG Insured	100.00	BBB	1,127,522
		8/17 at		
1,235	5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPFG Insured	100.00	BBB	1,269,568
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	8/15 at		
1,000	Merged Project Area, Series	100.00	BBB	1,020,450
	2005A, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – NPFG Insured			

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+	6,278,150
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	230,867
1,200	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	3/21 at 100.00	BBB+	1,389,528
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	1,074,080
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	652,368
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	2,883,538
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	2,001,780
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	1,355,427
	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–	183,993
210	6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A–	257,219
133,605	Total Tax Obligation/Limited			139,638,538
	Transportation – 3.4% (2.4% of Total Investments)			
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	1,640,067
11,150	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40	1/13 at 100.00	BBB–	11,156,467
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	121,081
12,700	Total Transportation			12,917,615
	U.S. Guaranteed – 6.0% (4.3% of Total Investments) (5)			
655	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 (5)	716,622
2,625	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	2,701,020

3,630	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 (Pre-refunded 11/01/13) – AGM Insured	11/13 at 100.00	AA– (5)	3,795,818
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 (5)	2,065,790
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 (5)	1,416,555
5,840	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A, 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)	2/13 at 100.00	AA+ (5)	8,549,176
1,725	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38 (Pre-refunded 9/15/13)	9/13 at 100.00	A+ (5)	1,799,089
1,120	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38 (Pre-refunded 9/15/13)	9/13 at 100.00	N/R (5)	1,175,384
	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A:			
600	5.125%, 5/15/17 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) – AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1 (5)	613,278
125	5.125%, 5/15/17 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) – AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1 (5)	127,813
19,595	Total U.S. Guaranteed			22,960,545
	Utilities – 3.1% (2.2% of Total Investments)			
3,775	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	4,419,317
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–	6,047,580
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	1,317,219
10,545	Total Utilities			11,784,116
	Water and Sewer – 14.4% (10.4% of Total Investments)			
875	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	967,286
2,500	Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 – AMBAC Insured	4/16 at 100.00	A	2,763,675
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	12,073,623
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–	890,569

	Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority,	6/16 at		
2,250	California, Revenue Bonds, Series	100.00	AA	2,521,260
	2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured			
	San Diego Public Facilities Financing Authority, California,	5/20 at		
11,000	Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Refunding	100.00	AA	13,580,489
	Series 2010A, 5.250%, 5/15/26			
	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission,	No Opt.		
5,000	California, Water Revenue Bonds,	Call	AA–	5,908,250
	Series 2011A, 5.000%, 11/01/41			
	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission,	5/22 at		
12,000	California, Water Revenue Bonds,	100.00	AA–	14,155,919
	Series 2012A, 5.000%, 11/01/43			
	West Basin Municipal Water District, California, Certificates of	8/18 at		
2,000	Participation, Refunding	100.00	AA–	2,332,280
	Series 2008B, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – AGC Insured			
46,415	Total Water and Sewer			55,193,351
$ 547,241	Total Investments (cost $469,041,953) – 139.5%			533,244,987
	Floating Rate Obligations – (6.8)%			(25,920,000)
	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value –			
	(35.6)% (6)			(136,200,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.9%			11,192,933
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			$ 382,317,920

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 following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Prices are determined using 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 risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	$ –	$533,244,987	$ –	$533,244,987

The Nuveen funds' Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the oversight of the daily valuation process to the Adviser's Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the funds' pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Directors/Trustees. The Valuation Committee is aided in its efforts by the Adviser's dedicated Securities Valuation Team, which is responsible for administering the daily valuation process and applying fair value methodologies as approved by the Valuation Committee. When determining the reliability of independent pricing services for investments owned by the funds, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of the pricing services and monitors the quality of security prices received through various testing reports conducted by the Securities Valuation Team.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of

purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such testing and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Directors/Trustees.

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, 2012, the cost of investments was $442,651,417.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at November 30, 2012, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	$71,490,976
Depreciation	(6,815,618)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	$64,675,358

(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)	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. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.
(6)	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 25.5%.
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 29, 2013

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 29, 2013

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

Date: January 29, 2013