

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-09161

**Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

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

(Name and address of agent for service)

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

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 11/30/05

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)**

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

*November 30, 2005*

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

**Optional  
Provision**

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| <b>Consumer Staples - 2.7% (1.9% of Total Investments)</b>                   |  |            |
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| \$   | 1,330 California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21                             | 6/15 at 1  |
|  | 5,200 Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33  | 6/13 at 1  |
|  | 3,035 Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Senior Series 2001A, 5.250%, 6/01/27    | 6/12 at 1  |
| <b>Education and Civic Organizations - 11.8% (8.1% of Total Investments)</b> |  |            |
|  | 5,000 California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Pepperdine University, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 12/01/35 - AMBAC Insured  | 12/15 at 1 |
|  | 615 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23   | 10/13 at 1 |
|  | 3,000 Long Beach Bond Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Long Beach Aquarium of the South Pacific, Series 2001, 5.500%, 11/01/17 - AMBAC Insured                            | 11/11 at 1 |
|  | 700 University of California, Certificates of Participation, San Diego and Sacramento Campus Projects, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 1/01/22   | 1/10 at 1  |
|  | 6,000 University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multiple Purpose Projects, Series 2000K, 5.000%, 9/01/12  | 9/08 at 1  |
|  | University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2002O:   |            |
|  | 10,770 5.000%, 9/01/20 - FGIC Insured  | 9/10 at 1  |
|  | 11,305 5.000%, 9/01/21 - FGIC Insured  | 9/10 at 1  |
|  | 3,500 University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 - AMBAC Insured   | 5/13 at 1  |
| <b>Healthcare - 7.0% (4.8% of Total Investments)</b>                         |  |            |
|  | 2,160 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/15   | 3/13 at 1  |
|  | 1,325 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 2005, 5.000%, 11/15/34  | 11/15 at 1 |
|  | 530 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/24   | 7/15 at 1  |
|  | 8,000 Central California Joint Powers Health Finance Authority, Certificates of Participation, Community Hospitals of Central California Obligated Group, Series 2000, 6.000%, 2/01/30                   | 2/10 at 1  |
|  | 10,500 Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31  | 4/09 at 1  |
|  | 2,500 Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Series 2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22  | 6/12 at 1  |
| <b>Housing/Multifamily - 8.0% (5.5% of Total Investments)</b>                |  |            |
|  | 7,250 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Irvine Apartment Communities Development, Series 1998A, 4.900%, 5/15/25 (Mandatory put 5/15/08)                     | 7/08 at 1  |
|  | 5,215 California Statewide Community Development Authority, GNMA Collateralized Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Crowne Pointe Project, Series 2002F, 6.750%, 8/20/37                                    | 8/12 at 1  |
|  | 5,000 Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  | 6/09 at 1  |
|  | 1,725 Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38  | 9/13 at 1  |
|  | 1,120 Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38   | 9/13 at 1  |
|  | 7,500 San Bernardino County Housing Authority, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Equity Residential Properties/Redlands Lawn and Tennis Apartments, Series 1999A, 5.200%, 6/15/29 | No Op      |

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(Mandatory put 6/15/09)

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

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

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

California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002:

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

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

California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003:

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

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

California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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|        | 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33   |           |
| 24,060 | San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998, 5.250%, 8/01/29             | 8/08 at 1 |
| 2,695  | San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project, Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 - AMBAC Insured | 6/12 at 1 |
| 1,595  | San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 99-1, Series 2003B, 6.000%, 9/01/24     | 9/09 at 1 |
| 2,810  | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38         | 9/13 at 1 |
| 1,350  | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39       | 9/13 at 1 |
| 2,000  | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39         | 9/13 at 1 |

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

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

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

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| 8,400  | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 1998B, 5.250%, 10/01/14 (Optional put 10/01/08) | 10/08 at 1 |
| 15,000 | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center,   | 12/09 at 1 |