

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form N-Q

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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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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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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: 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	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions	(2) Ratings (3)	Value
(000)	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, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.296%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	6,045,524

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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	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 Health Care – 27.7% (19.8% of Total Investments)			25,562,897
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
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	1,848,141
3,870	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A: 5.250%, 7/01/30	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	4,024,761
150	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A: 5.250%, 7/01/35	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	155,397
10,140	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente 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, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	3,465,069

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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 Presyberian, 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 Housing/Multifamily – 2.0% (1.4% of Total Investments)			105,756,853
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 Housing/Single Family – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)			7,532,394
315	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%,	2/16 at 100.00	BBB	329,613

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	8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
2,395	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 Industrials – 0.1% (0.1% of Total Investments)			2,638,201
5,120	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (4) Long-Term Care – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)	No Opt. Call	D	306,022
1,000	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Harbor Regional Center Project, Series 2009, 8.000%, 11/01/29 Tax Obligation/General – 30.8% (22.1% of Total Investments) Alvord Unified School District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, 2007 Election Series 2011B:	11/19 at 100.00	Baa1	1,215,360
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
5,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010: 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 California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011:	11/20 at 100.00	A1	1,199,230
1,650	5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	A1	1,908,489
7,000	5.000%, 10/01/41 California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012:	10/21 at 100.00	A1	8,105,790
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	8/18 at 100.00	Aa1	3,567,309

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	2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/31 – AGM Insured			
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 – NPMF 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 Tax Obligation/Limited – 36.5% (26.2% of Total Investments)			117,866,948
	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	9/16 at 101.00	A-	1,261,162

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	Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured Commerce Joint Power Financing Authority, California, Tax	8/13 at		
1,480	Allocation Bonds, Redevelopment Projects 2 and 3, Refunding Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – RAAI Insured	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 – NPMG Insured	3/13 at 101.00	BBB+	1,048,154
1,430	Fontana, California, Redevelopment Agency, 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 – NPMG 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				