

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 2

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 811-10197

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2  
(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: 11/30/14

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage  
Municipal Fund 2 (NVX)  
November 30, 2014

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 140.2% (99.5% of Total Investments)			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 140.2% (99.5% of Total Investments)			
	Consumer Staples – 7.5% (5.3% of Total Investments)			
	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Los Angeles County Securitization Corporation, Series 2006A:			
\$ 2,000	5.600%, 6/01/36	12/18 at 100.00	B+	\$ 1,741,780
2,000	5.650%, 6/01/41	12/18 at 100.00	B+	1,698,080
290	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+	280,184
2,385	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Stanislaus County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 6/01/33	No Opt. Call	Baa1	2,358,264
3,770	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1: 5.000%, 6/01/33	6/17 at 100.00	B	3,123,784
6,040	5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	B	5,096,733
3,660	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement	6/22 at 100.00	B	2,943,152

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	Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37			
20,145	Total Consumer Staples			17,241,977
	Education and Civic Organizations – 3.2% (2.3% of Total Investments)			
1,775	ABAG Finance Authority for Non-Profit Corporations, California, Revenue Bonds, The Jackson	7/22 at 100.00	A1	1,922,183
	Laboratory, Series 2012, 5.000%, 7/01/37			
125	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series	11/15 at 100.00	A2	130,058
	2006, 5.000%, 11/01/21			
555	California Municipal Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Rocketship Education –	6/22 at 102.00	N/R	615,667
	Multiple Projects, Series 2014A , 7.250%, 6/01/43			
2,500	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of La Verne, Series 2010A, 6.250%, 6/01/40	6/20 at 100.00	Baa1	2,910,850
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds,	7/21 at 100.00	BBB–	975,027
850	Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46			
675	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2013AI, 5.000%, 5/15/38	5/23 at 100.00	AA	768,481
6,480	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 21.6% (15.3% of Total Investments)			7,322,266
395	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lucile Salter Packard	8/24 at 100.00	AA	445,671
	Children’s Hospital, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 8/15/43			
435	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 10/01/38	10/24 at 100.00	AA	496,104
855	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2014B, 5.000%, 10/01/44	10/24 at 100.00	AA	970,485
895	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children’s Hospital –	8/21 at 100.00	AA–	1,009,632
1,500	San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health,	11/16 at 100.00	AA–	1,610,265

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4,215	Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46 California Municipal Financing Authority, Certificates of Participation, Community Hospitals of Central California, Series 2007, 5.250%, 2/01/27	2/17 at 100.00	Baa1	4,456,434
5,520	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35	3/15 at 100.00	A	5,548,428
3,200	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	A+	3,530,592
2,225	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31	7/17 at 100.00	N/R	2,289,614
5,245	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/35	7/15 at 100.00	B-	5,245,943
425	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	451,291
1,035	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2004D, 5.050%, 8/15/38 – AGM Insured	8/18 at 100.00	AA	1,106,933
2,705	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 11/15/43	11/15 at 100.00	AA-	2,751,472
2,000	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38	12/17 at 100.00	BBB	2,306,120
1,610	Madera County, California, Certificates of Participation, Children's Hospital Central California, Series 2010, 5.375%, 3/15/36	3/20 at 100.00	A+	1,809,753
455	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BB	478,187
1,500	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2009, 6.625%, 11/01/29	11/19 at 100.00	Ba1	1,645,575
4,800	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series	11/20 at 100.00	Ba1	5,013,311

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	2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41 Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds,			
5,785	Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38	7/17 at 100.00	Baa2	5,956,061
	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series	12/21 at 100.00		
2,250	2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41		BB	2,704,298
47,050	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 1.5% (1.1% of Total Investments)			49,826,169
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	1,455,425
1,295	Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	451,156
410	Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects	8/22 at 100.00	A1	1,056,485
940	Series 2012B, 7.250%, 8/15/47			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Senior Revenue Bonds, Caritas			
	Affordable Housing, Inc. Projects, Series 2014A:			
80	5.250%, 8/15/39	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	88,081
220	5.250%, 8/15/49	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	240,456
	Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority, California, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, San	5/16 at 100.00	N/R	207,856
205	Juan Mobile Estates, Series 2006B, 5.850%, 5/15/41			
3,150	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 3.2% (2.3% of Total Investments)			3,499,459
	California Housing Finance Agency, California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006M,	2/16 at 100.00	A–	5,787,763
5,775	4.650%, 8/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
	California Housing Finance Agency, California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2007G,	2/17 at 100.00	A–	1,531,243
1,490	5.050%, 2/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H,	2/16 at 100.00	A–	88,763
85	5.750%,			

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	8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
7,350	Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.0% (0.0% of Total Investments) California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,			7,407,769
3,175	EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (4) Tax Obligation/General – 31.9% (22.6% of Total Investments)	No Opt. Call	N/R	10,954
1,300	Alhambra Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2012A, 5.000%, 8/01/29 – AGM Insured	8/22 at 100.00	Aa3	1,497,691
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006CD, 4.600%, 12/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/15 at 100.00	AA	10,180,199
13,850	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 4/01/38	4/19 at 100.00	Aa3	16,605,180
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010: 6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	Aa3	2,448,280
1,000	5.250%, 11/01/40 California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011:	11/20 at 100.00	Aa3	1,148,470
4,850	5.250%, 10/01/28	No Opt. Call	Aa3	5,776,156
2,300	5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	Aa3	2,562,269
2,190	5.000%, 10/01/41 California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2013:	10/21 at 100.00	Aa3	2,442,507
2,500	5.000%, 2/01/43	No Opt. Call	Aa3	2,803,175
2,240	5.000%, 11/01/43 California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2014:	11/23 at 100.00	Aa3	2,533,194
2,000	5.000%, 5/01/32	5/24 at 100.00	Aa3	2,339,660
2,815	5.000%, 10/01/44 Desert Community College District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds,	10/24 at 100.00	Aa3	3,212,957
32,730	Election 2004 Series 2007C, 0.000%, 8/01/46 – AGM Insured Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General	No Opt. Call	AA	6,035,084
1,285	Obligation Bonds, Series 2009D, 5.000%, 7/01/27	7/19 at 100.00	Aa2	1,484,329
9,820		No Opt. Call	AA–	6,052,261

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1,265	New Haven Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, 0.000%, 8/01/24 – NCFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA–	1,356,725
2,000	Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2004, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/32 – NCFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	2,099,020
1,000	Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 7/01/20 – NCFG Insured	8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	1,134,180
1,600	Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/36	8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	1,779,504
96,745	Yuba Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2006 Series 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/47			73,490,841
650	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 29.6% (21.0% of Total Investments)			
385	Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D: 5.500%, 9/01/24	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	664,235
7,000	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	393,262
3,525	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities Series 2013F, 5.250%, 9/01/31	9/23 at 100.00	A1	8,237,320
3,770	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities Series 2014A, 5.000%, 9/01/39	9/24 at 100.00	A1	3,991,428
4,520	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2012G, 5.000%, 11/01/37	11/22 at 100.00	A1	4,293,955
435	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2014E, 5.000%, 9/01/39	9/24 at 100.00	A1	5,118,086
4,265	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 98-2, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	AA–	448,046
	Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Water System Financing,	3/22 at 100.00	AA–	4,588,159



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960	Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41 Fontana Redevelopment Agency, San Bernardino County, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 1997A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	No Opt. Call	A-	966,739
2,500	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A: 5.000%, 6/01/45	6/15 at 100.00	A1	2,554,775
2,995	5.000%, 6/01/45 – AGM Insured	6/15 at 100.00	AA	3,059,842
1,785	Hawthorne Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Project Area 2 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	1,847,154
1,800	Hesperia Unified School District, San Bernardino County, California, Certificates of Participation, Capital Improvement, Series 2007, 5.000%, 2/01/41 – AMBAC Insured	2/17 at 100.00	A-	1,920,042
1,500	Hesperia Unified School District, San Bernardino County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 2/01/38 – BAM Insured	2/23 at 100.00	AA	1,644,720
870	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	5/17 at 100.00	BBB+	909,002
205	Irvine Unified School District, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District Series 2006A: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	210,564
470	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	482,272
415	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	433,974
800	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	812,328
1,350	Los Angeles County Public Works Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Multiple Capital Facilities Project II, Series 2012, 5.000%, 8/01/42	No Opt. Call	AA	1,502,969
750		9/21 at 100.00	A-	929,393

	Lynwood Redevelopment Agency, California, Project A Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 7.000%, 9/01/31			
475	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-	604,442
475	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D, 5.000%, 9/01/33	9/15 at 101.00	N/R	487,360
175	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	214,205
1,205	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Senior Series 2013A: 5.250%, 9/01/30	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	1,347,070
1,085	5.750%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	1,226,907
200	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B, 5.875%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	225,234
165	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011: 6.000%, 9/01/33	No Opt. Call	N/R	170,762
360	6.125%, 9/01/41	No Opt. Call	N/R	372,445
3,085	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-	3,441,472
6,275	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 0.000%, 8/01/45 - NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	874,170
550	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	631,538
100	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25	10/21 at 100.00	A-	124,953

	San Buenaventura Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Project Areas Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2008:			
1,000	7.750%, 8/01/28	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,117,540
1,325	8.000%, 8/01/38	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,484,331
	San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 4/01/36			
3,000	San Diego, California, Special Tax Community Facilities District 4 Black Mountain Ranch	4/24 at 100.00	AAA	3,505,500
990	Villages Bonds, Series 2008A, 6.000%, 9/01/37	No Opt. Call	N/R	1,025,135
	San Francisco City and County Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 7, Hunters Point Shipyard Phase One Improvements, Refunding Series 2014, 5.000%, 8/01/39			
210	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41	No Opt. Call	N/R	225,551
80	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:	2/21 at 100.00	A-	98,183
85	7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	103,736
105	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	128,144
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C:			
1,100	5.000%, 8/01/24 - NPFPG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA-	1,182,665
765	5.000%, 8/01/25 - NPFPG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA-	822,490
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006D, 5.000%, 8/01/23 - AMBAC Insured			
995	San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Areas 2 and 3, Series 2005C, 5.000%, 8/01/35 - AMBAC Insured	8/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,065,476
1,530		8/15 at 100.00	A-	1,541,689
140		4/21 at 100.00	N/R	159,817

	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26			
930	Temecula Public Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	No Opt. Call	N/R	928,745
	District 03-02 Roripaugh, Series 2006, 5.500%, 9/01/36			
240	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A-	295,565
67,595	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 10.3% (7.3% of Total Investments)			68,413,390
2,000	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2013S-4, 5.250%, 4/01/48	4/23 at 100.00	A+	2,269,700
2,240	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43	1/24 at 100.00	BB+	2,655,274
4,940	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A: 5.750%, 1/15/46	1/24 at 100.00	BBB-	5,689,447
4,935	6.000%, 1/15/53	1/24 at 100.00	BBB-	5,757,467
4,000	Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2014B, 5.000%, 8/01/44	8/24 at 100.00	AA	4,575,160
1,545	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2012P: 5.000%, 5/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	1,746,530
1,000	5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	1,116,350
20,660	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 7.4% (5.2% of Total Investments) (5)			23,809,928
1,930	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (Pre-refunded 4/01/16) (UB)	4/16 at 100.00	AA (5)	2,051,629
1,430	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Tender	4/18 at 100.00	AA (5)	2,161,002

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2,500	Option Bond Trust 3211, 13.577%, 10/01/32 (Pre-refunded 4/01/18) (IF) California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Healthcare West, Series 2008J, 5.625%, 7/01/32 (Pre-refunded 7/01/15)	7/15 at 100.00	A (5)	2,581,000
2,945	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.426%, 3/01/33 (Pre-refunded 3/01/18) (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aaa	3,773,605
385	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)	398,163
2,000	Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation, Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series 2002E, 6.000%, 8/01/26 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	BB- (5)	2,571,620
355	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 (Pre-refunded 8/01/15) – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA (5)	366,658
750	Sacramento County Sanitation Districts Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 (Pre-refunded 6/01/16) – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA (5)	802,538
825	San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Phase 1, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 12/15/30 (Pre-refunded 12/15/17) – AMBAC Insured	12/17 at 100.00	N/R (5)	933,941
1,315	University of California, Limited Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2007D, 5.000%, 5/15/41 (Pre-refunded 5/15/16) – FGIC Insured	5/16 at 101.00	AA- (5)	1,396,846
14,435	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 11.9% (8.5% of Total Investments)			17,037,002
2,355	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	2,723,628
500	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.000%, 7/01/31 – AGM Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA	513,865
14,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds,	7/22 at 100.00	AA-	15,661,099

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	Series			
	2012B, 5.000%, 7/01/43			
	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric			
	System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005:			
790	5.125%, 9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	798,532
1,500	5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	1,515,675
	Southern California Public Power Authority,			
	California, Revenue Bonds, Apex Power			
1,500	Project	7/24 at 100.00	AA–	1,730,160
	Series 2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/38			
	Southern California Public Power Authority,			
	Natural Gas Project 1 Revenue Bonds, Series			
4,000	2007A,	No Opt. Call	A	4,590,720
	5.000%, 11/01/33			
24,645	Total Utilities			27,533,679
	Water and Sewer – 12.1% (8.6% of Total			
	Investments)			
	Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation			
	Agency, California, Revenue Bonds, Capital			
2,500	Cost	4/23 at 100.00	AA–	2,972,525
	Recovery Prepayment Program, Series 2013A,			
	5.000%, 10/01/28			
	California Pollution Control Financing			
	Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds,			
5,240	Poseidon	No Opt. Call	Baa3	5,587,045
	Resources Channelside LP Desalination			
	Project, Series 2012, 5.000%, 11/21/45			
	(Alternative			
	Minimum Tax)			
	Castaic Lake Water Agency, California,			
	Certificates of Participation, Series 2006C,			
1,400	5.000%,	8/16 at 100.00	AA–	1,482,656
	8/01/36 – NPMG Insured			
	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority,			
	California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series			
545	2006,	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	571,313
	5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMG Insured			
	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,			
7,890	California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series	7/24 at 100.00	AA	9,016,297
	2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/44			
	Metropolitan Water District of Southern			
	California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds,			
1,160	Tender Option	7/19 at 100.00	AAA	1,788,534
	Bond Trust 09-8B, 17.543%, 7/01/35 (IF) (6)			
	Sacramento, California, Wastewater Revenue			
5,825	Bonds, Series 2013, 5.000%, 9/01/42	9/23 at 100.00	AA	6,565,532
24,560	Total Water and Sewer			27,983,902
	Total Long-Term Investments (cost			
\$ 335,990	\$298,092,580)			323,577,336
Principal		Optional Call		

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Amount (000)	Description (1)	Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)			
	Health Care – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)			
\$ 1,320	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2014A, 6.000%, 7/10/15 (7)	No Opt. Call	N/R	\$ 1,339,457
125	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2014B, 6.000%, 7/10/15 (7)	No Opt. Call	N/R	126,842
200	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2014C, 6.000%, 7/10/15 (7)	No Opt. Call	N/R	202,948
\$ 1,645	Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$1,645,000)			1,669,247
	Total Investments (cost \$299,737,580) – 140.9%			325,246,583
	Floating Rate Obligations – (0.4%)			(965,000)
	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (42.5)% (8)			(98,000,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.0%			4,500,562
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			\$ 230,782,145

## Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received 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	\$ —	\$323,577,336	\$ —	\$323,577,336
Short-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	—	—	1,669,247	1,669,247
Total	\$ —	\$323,577,336	\$1,669,247	\$325,246,583

## 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.

As of November 30, 2014, the cost of investments was \$298,836,059.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of November 30, 2014, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$30,229,534



Depreciation	(4,784,010)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$25,445,524

- (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, in the case of a fixed-income security, 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. Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
  - (5) 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) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in inverse floating rate transactions.
  - (7) Investment valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by, or at the discretion of, the Board. For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment classified as Level 3. Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is
  - (8) 30.1%.
  - (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
  - (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
  - (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.
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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

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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 2

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date: January 29, 2015

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, 2015

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

Date: January 29, 2015