

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form N-Q

July 30, 2012

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)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(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: 5/31/12

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)  
 Nuveen California Dividend Advantage  
 Municipal Fund (NAC)  
 May 31, 2012

| Principal Amount (000) | Description (1)  | Optional Call Provisions (2) | Ratings (3) | Value      |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------|------------|
|                        | Consumer Staples – 7.1% (5.0% 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+         | \$ 784,080 |
| 20,615                 | Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1: 5.750%, 6/01/47                                    | 6/17 at 100.00               | BB–         | 16,529,107 |
| 2,895                  | 5.125%, 6/01/47  | 6/17 at 100.00               | BB–         | 2,094,214  |
| 8,255                  | Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37                                    | 6/22 at 100.00               | BB–         | 6,174,988  |
| 32,575                 | Total Consumer Staples   |                              |             | 25,582,389 |
|                        | Education and Civic Organizations – 6.1% (4.2% 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         | 2,745,725  |
| 290                    | California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35   | 10/15 at 100.00              | A3          | 297,537    |
| 10,000                 | California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Southern California, Series 2007A, 4.500%, 10/01/33 (UB)                                     | 10/17 at 100.00              | Aa1         | 10,772,200 |
|                        | California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:  |                              |             |            |

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| 200    | 5.000%, 11/01/21  | 11/15 at<br>100.00 | A2  | 214,954    |
| 265    | 5.000%, 11/01/25  | 11/15 at<br>100.00 | A2  | 280,431    |
| 4,685  | California State Public Works Board, Lease<br>Revenue Bonds, University of California<br>Regents,<br>Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.071%,<br>3/01/33 (IF)             | 3/18 at 100.00     | Aa2 | 5,423,450  |
| 1,250  | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, School Facility<br>Revenue Bonds,<br>Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series<br>2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46 | 7/21 at 100.00     | BBB | 1,351,925  |
| 605    | California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de<br>Namur<br>University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23                             | 10/13 at<br>100.00 | N/R | 613,470    |
| 19,795 | Total Education and Civic Organizations<br>Health Care – 31.1% (21.7% of Total<br>Investments)  |                    |     | 21,699,692 |
| 2,160  | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds,<br>Adventist<br>Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%,<br>3/01/15                | 3/13 at 100.00     | A   | 2,219,011  |
| 3,815  | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Catholic<br>Healthcare West,<br>Series 2008J, 5.625%, 7/01/32                                       | 7/15 at 100.00     | A+  | 4,168,345  |
| 1,420  | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children’s<br>Hospital –<br>San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41                            | 8/21 at 100.00     | A+  | 1,505,498  |
| 14,895 | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health,<br>Series 2007A,<br>5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)  | 11/16 at<br>100.00 | AA– | 15,693,074 |
| 6,530  | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health,<br>Series 2011B,<br>6.000%, 8/15/42  | 8/20 at 100.00     | AA– | 7,733,871  |
| 1,120  | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,<br>Adventist Health System<br>West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35                             | 3/15 at 100.00     | A   | 1,153,678  |
| 5,500  | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,<br>Sutter Health, Series<br>2011A, 6.000%, 8/15/42  | 8/20 at 100.00     | AA– | 6,513,980  |
| 3,325  |   | 7/17 at 100.00     | N/R | 3,358,051  |

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|        | California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31                 |                 |     |            |
|        | 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 | 1,839,270  |
| 3,870  | 5.250%, 7/01/30  | 7/15 at 100.00  | BBB | 3,938,615  |
|        | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,   |                 |     |            |
| 10,140 | Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41   | 3/16 at 100.00  | A+  | 10,548,338 |
|        | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,   |                 |     |            |
| 3,095  | Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31  | 8/16 at 100.00  | A+  | 3,432,417  |
|        | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,   |                 |     |            |
| 9,980  | Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41 – BHAC Insured (UB)   | 3/16 at 100.00  | AA+ | 10,571,914 |
|        | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Methodist Hospital Project, Series 2009, 6.750%, 2/01/38                  |                 |     |            |
| 2,250  |  | 8/19 at 100.00  | Aa2 | 2,720,138  |
|        | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, St. Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 18.352%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF) |                 |     |            |
| 1,586  |  | 7/18 at 100.00  | AA– | 2,101,958  |
|        | Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center,   |                 |     |            |
| 10,500 | Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31  | 10/12 at 100.00 | AA– | 10,509,555 |
|        | Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series   |                 |     |            |
| 1,000  | 2005A, 5.000%, 12/01/23  | 12/15 at 100.00 | BBB | 1,007,400  |
|        | Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series   |                 |     |            |
| 2,860  | 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38  | 12/17 at 100.00 | BBB | 3,276,330  |
|        | Madera County, California, Certificates of Participation, Children’s Hospital Central California, Series 2010, 5.375%, 3/15/36                 |                 |     |            |
| 1,000  |  | 3/20 at 100.00  | A+  | 1,052,520  |
|        | Newport Beach, California, Revenue Bonds, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presybterian, Series  |                 |     |            |
| 1,725  | 2011A,   | 12/21 at 100.00 | AA  | 2,088,854  |
|        | 6.000%, 12/01/40   |                 |     |            |
| 675    | Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series   | 11/20 at 100.00 | BB+ | 695,432    |

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|         | 2010A,<br>6.500%, 11/01/29<br>Palomar Pomerado Health Care District,<br>California, Certificates of Participation, Series   | 11/20 at<br>100.00 | Baa3 | 5,741,957   |
| 5,450   | 2010,<br>6.000%, 11/01/41<br>Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing<br>Authority, California, Revenue Bonds,  |                    |      |             |
| 2,570   | Eisenhower Medical<br>Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38<br>San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds,   | 7/17 at 100.00     | Baa2 | 2,588,812   |
| 3,300   | Community Memorial Health System, Series<br>2011,<br>7.500%, 12/01/41<br>Santa Clara County Financing Authority,<br>California, Insured Revenue Bonds, El Camino<br>Hospital,   | 12/21 at<br>100.00 | BB   | 3,920,631   |
| 3,000   | Series 2007A, 5.750%, 2/01/41 – AMBAC<br>Insured<br>Total Health Care<br>Housing/Multifamily – 2.8% (2.0% of Total<br>Investments)  | 8/17 at 100.00     | A+   | 3,226,020   |
| 103,526 | California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas<br>Projects<br>Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45<br>California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas<br>Projects<br>Series 2012A, 5.125%, 8/15/32<br>Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority,<br>California, Mobile Home Park Revenue<br>Bonds, San<br>Juan Mobile Estates, Series 2006B, 5.850%,<br>5/15/41<br>Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California,<br>Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz<br>Mobile<br>Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38<br>Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California,<br>Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho<br>Feliz<br>Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%,<br>9/15/38<br>Total Housing/Multifamily<br>Housing/Single Family – 0.6% (0.4% of Total<br>Investments)<br>California Housing Finance Agency, Home<br>Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H,<br>5.750%, |                    |      | 111,605,669 |
| 2,000   |   | 8/20 at 100.00     | BBB  | 2,176,280   |
| 4,600   |   | 8/22 at 100.00     | BBB  | 4,756,722   |
| 320     |   | 5/16 at 100.00     | N/R  | 323,811     |
| 1,725   |   | 9/13 at 100.00     | A+   | 1,750,064   |
| 1,120   |   | 9/13 at 100.00     | N/R  | 1,135,378   |
| 9,765   |   |                    |      | 10,142,255  |
| 360     |   | 2/16 at 100.00     | BBB  | 375,091     |

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|        | 8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)  |                 |      |            |
|        | California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3206, 8.301%, 2/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF) | 2/17 at 100.00  | BBB  | 1,899,475  |
| 2,395  |   |                 |      |            |
| 2,755  | Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)  |                 |      | 2,274,566  |
|        | California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional  | No Opt. Call    | D    | 1,124,557  |
| 5,120  | Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (4) Long-Term Care – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)             |                 |      |            |
|        | California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Harbor Regional Center Project, Series 2009, 8.000%, 11/01/29                          | 11/19 at 100.00 | Baa1 | 1,174,460  |
| 1,000  | Tax Obligation/General – 30.3% (21.1% 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–  | 4,337,970  |
| 16,840 | 0.000%, 8/01/43 – AGM Insured   | No Opt. Call    | AA–  | 3,112,706  |
|        | California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 11/01/39   | 11/19 at 100.00 | A1   | 11,795,500 |
| 10,000 |   |                 |      |            |
|        | California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010:  |                 |      |            |
| 5,000  | 6.000%, 3/01/33   | 3/20 at 100.00  | A1   | 6,032,050  |
| 8,000  | 5.500%, 3/01/40   | 3/20 at 100.00  | A1   | 9,045,520  |
|        |   | 11/20 at 100.00 |      |            |
| 1,000  | 5.250%, 11/01/40  |                 | A1   | 1,116,940  |
|        | California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011:  |                 |      |            |
| 1,650  | 5.000%, 9/01/41   | 9/21 at 100.00  | A1   | 1,773,123  |
|        |   | 10/21 at 100.00 |      |            |
| 7,000  | 5.000%, 10/01/41  |                 | A1   | 7,526,260  |
|        | California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012:  |                 |      |            |
| 2,000  | 5.250%, 2/01/28   | No Opt. Call    | A1   | 2,324,940  |
| 5,000  | 5.250%, 2/01/29   | No Opt. Call    | A1   | 5,772,000  |
|        | California State, Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, 5.000%, 4/01/42  | 4/22 at 100.00  | A1   | 2,155,280  |
| 2,000  |   |                 |      |            |
| 4,435  | California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 –  | No Opt. Call    | A1   | 5,238,356  |

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| 3,425   | AMBAC Insured<br>Coast Community College District, Orange<br>County, California, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Series 2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/31 – AGM Insured                                | 8/18 at 100.00     | Aa1 | 3,323,552   |
| 5,150   | Hacienda La Puente Unified School District<br>Facilities Financing Authority, California,<br>General Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2007,<br>5.000%, 8/01/26 – AGM Insured             | No Opt. Call       | AA– | 6,062,426   |
| 3,000   | Los Angeles Unified School District,<br>California, General Obligation Bonds, Series<br>2005A-2,<br>5.000%, 7/01/24 – NPMF Insured   | 7/15 at 100.00     | Aa2 | 3,329,100   |
| 5,210   | Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus<br>County, California, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/35 – FGIC Insured   | 7/14 at 101.00     | A1  | 5,299,768   |
| 575     | Roseville Joint Union High School District,<br>Placer County, California, General Obligation<br>Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – FGIC<br>Insured                                   | 8/15 at 100.00     | AA+ | 629,792     |
| 4,000   | San Diego Community College District,<br>California, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Refunding Series 2011, 5.000%, 8/01/41   | 8/21 at 100.00     | AA+ | 4,515,360   |
| 5,000   | San Diego Unified School District, San Diego<br>County, California, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 – AGM Insured   | 7/13 at 101.00     | Aa2 | 5,300,050   |
| 50,070  | Yosemite Community College District,<br>California, General Obligation Bonds, Capital<br>Appreciation, Election 2004, Series 2010D,<br>0.000%, 8/01/42                                   | No Opt. Call       | Aa2 | 19,952,895  |
| 160,355 | Total Tax Obligation/General<br>Tax Obligation/Limited – 37.7% (26.2% of<br>Total Investments)<br>Beaumont Financing Authority, California,<br>Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D: |                    |     | 108,643,588 |
| 1,000   | 5.500%, 9/01/24  | 9/14 at 102.00     | N/R | 1,030,030   |
| 615     | 5.800%, 9/01/35  | 9/14 at 102.00     | N/R | 627,441     |
| 1,910   | Borrego Water District, California,<br>Community Facilities District 2007-1<br>Montesoro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25 (4)  | 8/17 at 102.00     | N/R | 611,658     |
| 1,990   | Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority,<br>California, Infrastructure Revenue Bonds,<br>Refunding Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 –<br>AGM Insured                                   | 9/12 at 100.00     | AA– | 2,009,223   |
| 1,000   | California State Public Works Board, Lease<br>Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects,<br>Series   | 10/19 at<br>100.00 | A2  | 1,149,600   |

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| 2,000  | 2009G-1, 5.750%, 10/01/30<br>California State Public Works Board, Lease<br>Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects,<br>Series   | 11/19 at<br>100.00 | A2  | 2,398,700  |
| 2,000  | 2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34<br>Capistrano Unified School District, Orange<br>County, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Community   | 9/13 at 100.00     | N/R | 2,030,540  |
| 710    | Facilities District 90-2 – Talega, Series 2003,<br>6.000%, 9/01/33<br>Capistrano Unified School District, Orange<br>County, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Community   | 9/15 at 100.00     | BBB | 728,780    |
| 1,225  | Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%,<br>9/01/24 – FGIC Insured<br>Chino Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area<br>Tax Allocation   | 9/16 at 101.00     | A–  | 1,215,176  |
| 1,480  | Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 –<br>AMBAC Insured<br>Commerce Joint Power Financing Authority,<br>California, Tax Allocation Bonds,<br>Redevelopment   | 8/13 at 100.00     | BBB | 1,483,552  |
| 1,040  | Projects 2 and 3, Refunding Series 2003A,<br>5.000%, 8/01/28 – RAAI Insured<br>Dinuba Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged City of Dinuba<br>Redevelopment Project and Dinuba<br>Redevelopment Project 2, As Amended,<br>Refunding | 9/12 at 101.00     | A–  | 1,044,732  |
| 1,430  | Series 2001, 5.000%, 9/01/31 – NPFG Insured<br>Fontana, California, Redevelopment Agency,<br>Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax<br>Allocation  | 10/12 at<br>100.00 | A–  | 1,435,119  |
| 3,490  | Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%,<br>10/01/27<br>Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax<br>Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village<br>Community Facilities   | 9/12 at 100.00     | BBB | 3,508,776  |
| 1,125  | District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 –<br>NPFG Insured<br>Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra<br>Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004,<br>6.000%, 9/01/34  | 9/14 at 100.00     | N/R | 1,143,056  |
| 3,980  | Garden Grove, California, Certificates of<br>Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A,<br>5.500%, 3/01/22 – AMBAC Insured   | 3/13 at 100.50     | A   | 4,034,287  |
| 31,090 | Golden State Tobacco Securitization<br>Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco<br>Settlement  | 6/15 at 100.00     | AA– | 31,894,294 |

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| 2,850 | Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A,<br>5.000%, 6/01/35 – FGIC Insured<br>Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency,<br>California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series<br>2005A,<br>5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured | 9/15 at 100.00 | Baa3 | 2,419,109 |
| 4,500 | Inglewood Redevelopment Agency,<br>California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged<br>Redevelopment<br>Project, Refunding Series 1998A, 5.250%,<br>5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured  | No Opt. Call   | N/R  | 4,914,315 |
| 1,285 | Inglewood Redevelopment Agency,<br>California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged<br>Redevelopment<br>Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1,<br>5.000%, 5/01/25 – AMBAC Insured   | 5/17 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 1,277,701 |
| 325   | Irvine, California, Unified School District,<br>Community Facilities District Special Tax<br>Bonds,<br>Series 2006A:<br>5.000%, 9/01/26  | 9/16 at 100.00 | N/R  | 333,730   |
| 755   | 5.125%, 9/01/36  | 9/16 at 100.00 | N/R  | 763,116   |
| 675   | Lammersville School District, San Joaquin<br>County, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Community<br>Facilities District 2002 Mountain House,<br>Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35   | 9/16 at 100.00 | N/R  | 660,143   |
| 2,000 | Lee Lake Water District, Riverside County,<br>California, Special Tax Bonds, Community<br>Facilities<br>District 1 of Sycamore Creek, Series 2003,<br>6.500%, 9/01/24  | 9/13 at 102.00 | N/R  | 2,088,740 |
| 1,000 | Lindsay Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007,<br>5.000%,<br>8/01/37 – RAAI Insured   | 8/17 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 974,090   |
| 1,290 | Los Angeles Community Redevelopment<br>Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds,<br>Manchester<br>Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%,<br>9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured  | 9/15 at 100.00 | A1   | 1,312,136 |
| 1,530 | Moreno Valley Unified School District,<br>Riverside County, California, Certificates of<br>Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 –<br>AGM Insured  | 3/14 at 100.00 | AA–  | 1,623,896 |
| 3,500 | Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%,<br>8/01/37 – NPPG Insured  | 8/17 at 100.00 | A–   | 3,508,435 |
| 695   | National City Community Development<br>Commission, California, Tax Allocation<br>Bonds, National   | 8/21 at 100.00 | A–   | 816,750   |

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|       | City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011,<br>6.500%, 8/01/24<br>Norco Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area                |                    |      |           |  |
| 9,200 | 1, Series   | 3/13 at 100.00     | A    | 9,305,708 |  |
|       | 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPMG Insured<br>North Natomas Community Facilities District<br>4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Series 2006D:                 |                    |      |           |  |
| 535   | 5.000%, 9/01/26   | 9/14 at 102.00     | N/R  | 540,056   |  |
| 245   | 5.000%, 9/01/33   | 9/14 at 102.00     | N/R  | 239,958   |  |
|       | Novato Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field<br>Redevelopment   |                    |      |           |  |
| 260   | Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40   | 9/21 at 100.00     | A–   | 296,863   |  |
|       | Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds,<br>Central  |                    |      |           |  |
| 3,290 | District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003,<br>5.500%, 9/01/16 – FGIC Insured  | 3/13 at 100.00     | A–   | 3,396,958 |  |
|       | Palmdale Community Redevelopment Agency,<br>California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged<br>Redevelopment Project Areas, Series 2004,<br>5.000%, 12/01/24 – AMBAC Insured | 12/14 at<br>100.00 |      |           |  |
| 1,000 | Perris Union High School District Financing<br>Authority, Riverside County, California,<br>Revenue<br>Bonds, Series 2011:   |                    | A–   | 1,009,700 |  |
| 245   | 6.000%, 9/01/33   | 9/12 at 103.00     | N/R  | 252,774   |  |
| 530   | 6.125%, 9/01/41   | 9/12 at 103.00     | N/R  | 546,679   |  |
|       | Pico Rivera Water Authority, California,<br>Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%,<br>12/01/32  | 12/12 at<br>101.00 |      |           |  |
| 8,250 | Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos<br>Community   | 9/18 at 100.00     | N/R  | 8,368,718 |  |
| 2,130 | Development Project, Refunding Series<br>2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28   |                    | BBB  | 2,304,234 |  |
|       | Poway Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay<br>Redevelopment  | 12/12 at<br>100.00 |      |           |  |
| 1,570 | Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 – NPMG<br>Insured   |                    | BBB  | 1,577,175 |  |
|       | Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority,<br>California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien<br>Series  |                    |      |           |  |
| 845   | 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30  | 9/21 at 100.00     | BBB+ | 918,802   |  |
|       | Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area,<br>Series  |                    |      |           |  |
| 620   |   | 9/15 at 100.00     | A–   | 621,885   |  |

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|       | 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured  |                 |     |           |
| 150   | Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project                                  | 10/21 at 100.00 | A–  | 166,487   |
| 1,860 | Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25 Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project | 8/13 at 100.00  | A–  | 1,881,111 |
| 770   | Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 – NPFG Insured  |                 |     |           |
|       | Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%,                                  | 8/13 at 100.00  | AA– | 783,906   |
|       | 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured   |                 |     |           |
| 2,500 | Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A,                                   | No Opt. Call    | A1  | 2,891,950 |
|       | 5.400%, 11/01/20 – AMBAC Insured  |                 |     |           |
| 1,150 | Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4,                                       | 9/14 at 100.00  | N/R | 1,176,163 |
|       | Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33   |                 |     |           |
| 120   | San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,  | 2/21 at 100.00  | A–  | 137,974   |
|       | 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:  |                 |     |           |
| 125   | 7.000%, 8/01/33   | 2/21 at 100.00  | BBB | 143,155   |
| 155   | 7.000%, 8/01/41   | 2/21 at 100.00  | BBB | 175,407   |
| 2,695 | San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project,                                  | 6/12 at 100.00  | AA  | 2,703,813 |
|       | Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 – AMBAC Insured   |                 |     |           |
|       | San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Housing Set-Aside Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area                                  | 8/20 at 100.00  | A   | 1,036,850 |
| 1,000 | Redevelopment Project, Series 2010A-1, 5.500%, 8/01/35  |                 |     |           |
|       | San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area  |                 |     |           |
| 1,135 | Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPFG   | 8/17 at 100.00  | BBB | 1,156,644 |
|       | Insured   |                 |     |           |
| 1,000 |   | 8/15 at 100.00  | BBB | 1,006,040 |

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|         | San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area,<br>Series<br>2005A, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – NCFG Insured   |                |      |             |
| 5,000   | Santa Ana Community Redevelopment<br>Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,<br>Merged Project<br>Area, Series 2011A, 6.750%, 9/01/28   | 3/21 at 100.00 | A+   | 5,786,250   |
| 205     | Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency,<br>California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds,<br>Series 2011,<br>7.000%, 10/01/26  | 4/21 at 100.00 | N/R  | 223,124     |
| 1,200   | Turlock Public Financing Authority,<br>California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,<br>Series 2011,<br>7.500%, 9/01/39   | 3/21 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 1,340,304   |
| 1,000   | Washington Unified School District, Yolo<br>County, California, Certificates of<br>Participation,<br>Series 2007, 5.125%, 8/01/37 – AMBAC<br>Insured  | 8/17 at 100.00 | A    | 1,047,000   |
| 600     | West Patterson Financing Authority,<br>California, Special Tax Bonds, Community<br>Facilities<br>District 01-1, Refunding Series 2009A,<br>8.625%, 9/01/39                                  | 9/14 at 105.00 | N/R  | 651,768     |
| 2,810   | West Patterson Financing Authority,<br>California, Special Tax Bonds, Community<br>Facilities<br>District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38   | 9/13 at 103.00 | N/R  | 2,855,101   |
| 2,000   | West Patterson Financing Authority,<br>California, Special Tax Bonds, Community<br>Facilities<br>District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39   | 9/13 at 102.00 | N/R  | 1,884,960   |
| 1,350   | West Patterson Financing Authority,<br>California, Special Tax Bonds, Community<br>Facilities<br>District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%,<br>9/01/39  | 9/13 at 103.00 | N/R  | 1,293,867   |
| 150     | Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange<br>County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue<br>Bonds,<br>Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project,<br>Subordinate Lien Series 2011A:<br>6.000%, 9/01/26 | 9/21 at 100.00 | A-   | 167,196     |
| 210     | 6.500%, 9/01/32   | 9/21 at 100.00 | A-   | 235,477     |
| 132,395 | Total Tax Obligation/Limited<br>Transportation – 3.6% (2.5% of Total<br>Investments)  |                |      | 135,161,182 |
| 1,430   | Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue<br>Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge,  | 4/16 at 100.00 | AA   | 1,588,902   |

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|        | Series<br>2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (UB)<br>Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor<br>Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue<br>Refunding  | 7/12 at 100.00     | BBB-    | 11,152,119 |
| 11,150 |  |                    |         |            |
|        | Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40<br>Palm Springs Financing Authority, California,<br>Palm Springs International Airport Revenue<br>Bonds, Series 2006, 5.450%, 7/01/20<br>(Alternative Minimum Tax)                     | 7/14 at 102.00     | N/R     | 113,972    |
| 120    |  |                    |         |            |
|        | Total Transportation<br>U.S. Guaranteed – 7.5% (5.2% of Total<br>Investments) (5)  |                    |         | 12,854,993 |
| 12,700 |  |                    |         |            |
|        | California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Thomas Jefferson<br>School   | 10/15 at<br>100.00 | N/R (5) | 750,654    |
| 675    |  |                    |         |            |
|        | of Law, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 10/01/31<br>(Pre-refunded 10/01/15)<br>Golden State Tobacco Securitization<br>Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed  | 6/13 at 100.00     | Aaa     | 2,724,409  |
| 2,625  |  |                    |         |            |
|        | Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33<br>(Pre-refunded 6/01/13)<br>Imperial Irrigation District, California,<br>Certificates of Participation, Electric System  | 11/13 at<br>100.00 | AA- (5) | 3,884,463  |
| 3,630  |  |                    |         |            |
|        | Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%,<br>11/01/23 (Pre-refunded 11/01/13) – AGM<br>Insured<br>Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities<br>District 03-1,                             | 9/13 at 102.00     | N/R (5) | 2,123,970  |
| 1,940  |  |                    |         |            |
|        | Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25 (Pre-refunded<br>9/01/13)<br>Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities<br>District 03-1,  | 9/13 at 102.00     | N/R (5) | 1,453,294  |
| 1,335  |  |                    |         |            |
|        | Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 (Pre-refunded<br>9/01/13)<br>Orange County Water District, California,<br>Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series<br>1999A,   | No Opt. Call       | N/R (5) | 8,150,888  |
| 5,840  |  |                    |         |            |
|        | 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)<br>San Francisco City and County Public Utilities<br>Commission, California, Water Revenue<br>Bonds,   | 11/12 at<br>100.00 | AA- (5) | 3,942,841  |
| 3,865  |  |                    |         |            |
|        | Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/01/18 (Pre-refunded<br>11/01/12) – NPFG Insured<br>University of California, Revenue Bonds,<br>Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A:<br>5.125%, 5/15/17 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) –<br>AMBAC Insured | 5/13 at 100.00     | Aa1 (5) | 627,600    |
| 600    |  |                    |         |            |

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| 2,900  | 5.125%, 5/15/17 (Pre-refunded 5/15/13) –<br>AMBAC Insured  | 5/13 at 100.00 | Aa1 (5) | 3,031,573  |
| 23,410 | Total U.S. Guaranteed<br>Utilities – 3.1% (2.2% of Total Investments)  |                |         | 26,689,692 |
| 3,775  | Long Beach Bond Finance Authority,<br>California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue<br>Bonds, Series<br>2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35                                       | No Opt. Call   | A       | 3,897,046  |
| 5,500  | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,<br>California, Power System Revenue Bonds,<br>Series<br>2005A-1, 5.000%, 7/01/31 – AGM Insured<br>(UB)                | 7/15 at 100.00 | AA–     | 6,015,955  |
| 1,270  | Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric<br>System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%,<br>9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured                                  | 9/15 at 100.00 | N/R     | 1,273,099  |
| 10,545 | Total Utilities<br>Water and Sewer – 13.2% (9.1% of Total<br>Investments)  |                |         | 11,186,100 |
| 875    | Healdsburg Public Financing Authority,<br>California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series<br>2006,<br>5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMFG Insured                               | 4/16 at 100.00 | AA–     | 913,833    |
| 2,500  | Indio Water Authority, California, Water<br>Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 –<br>AMBAC Insured   | 4/16 at 100.00 | A+      | 2,624,625  |
| 9,955  | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,<br>California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds,<br>Series 2011A,<br>5.250%, 7/01/39  | 1/21 at 100.00 | AA      | 11,463,780 |
| 835    | Marina Coast Water District, California,<br>Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series<br>2006,<br>5.000%, 6/01/31 – NPMFG Insured                          | 6/16 at 100.00 | AA–     | 876,124    |
| 2,250  | Sacramento County Sanitation District<br>Financing Authority, California, Revenue<br>Bonds, Series<br>2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured                      | 6/16 at 100.00 | AA      | 2,495,340  |
| 11,000 | San Diego Public Facilities Financing<br>Authority, California, Sewerage Revenue<br>Bonds, Refunding<br>Series 2010A, 5.250%, 5/15/26                            | 5/20 at 100.00 | AA      | 13,235,090 |
| 12,000 | San Francisco City and County Public Utilities<br>Commission, California, Water Revenue<br>Bonds,<br>Series 2012A, 5.000%, 11/01/43 (WI/DD,<br>Settling 6/07/12) | 5/22 at 100.00 | AA–     | 13,332,120 |
| 2,000  | West Basin Municipal Water District,<br>California, Certificates of Participation,<br>Refunding<br>Series 2008B, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – AGC Insured                   | 8/18 at 100.00 | AA–     | 2,172,520  |

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| 41,415     | Total Water and Sewer  | 47,113,432     |
| \$ 555,356 | Total Investments (cost \$474,862,661) –<br>143.7%                           | 515,252,575    |
|            | Floating Rate Obligations – (7.2)%   | (25,920,000)   |
|            | Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at<br>Liquidation Value – (38.0)% (6) | (136,200,000)  |
|            | Other Assets Less Liabilities – 1.5%   | 5,304,700      |
|            | Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares –<br>100%                             | \$ 358,437,275 |

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### Fair Value Measurements

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

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

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

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

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of May 31, 2012:

|                        | Level 1 | Level 2       | Level 3 | Total         |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Long-Term Investments: |         |               |         |               |
| Municipal Bonds        | \$—     | \$515,252,575 | \$—     | \$515,252,575 |

During the period ended May 31, 2012, the Fund recognized no transfers to or from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

### Income Tax Information

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

At May 31, 2012, the cost of investments was \$448,427,880.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at May 31, 2012, were as follows:

|                   |              |
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| Gross unrealized: |              |
| Appreciation      | \$48,394,072 |

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| Depreciation  | (7,487,998 ) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$40,906,074 |

- (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 26.4%.

N/R Not rated.

WI/DD Purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

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

Item 3. Exhibits.

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

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

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

Date: July 30, 2012

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

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

Date: July 30, 2012

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

Date: July 30, 2012