

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

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-09161

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
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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: 5/31/13

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend  
Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)  
May 31, 2013

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
\$ 540	Consumer Staples – 8.3% (5.5% of Total Investments) California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma	6/15 at 100.00	BB+	\$ 528,352
20,615	County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	6/17 at 100.00	B	19,417,269
2,895	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1: 5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	B	2,544,473
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	B	7,744,098
32,305	Total Consumer Staples Education and Civic Organizations – 7.3% (4.8% of Total Investments)			30,234,192
2,500	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2010, 5.000%, 2/01/40	2/20 at 100.00	Aa3	2,757,875
290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	298,436
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	10,730,300

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	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:			
200	5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	215,476
265	5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	284,528
4,685	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.221%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	5,549,289
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-	1,399,500
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	567,526
4,000	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Limited Project Series 2012G, 5.000%, 5/15/30	No Opt. Call	Aa2	4,595,360
23,755	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 29.6% (19.6% of Total Investments)			26,398,290
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	4,150,987
2,500	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 2009, 5.000%, 8/15/39	8/19 at 100.00	A+	2,698,000
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+	1,545,627
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-	15,712,884
6,530	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011B, 6.000%, 8/15/42 (UB)	8/20 at 100.00	AA-	7,788,266
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	1,179,696

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5,500	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 8/15/42	8/20 at 100.00	AA-	6,559,795
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	3,275,624
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-	1,863,154
3,870	5.250%, 7/01/30	7/15 at 100.00	BBB-	4,047,285
150	5.250%, 7/01/35	7/15 at 100.00	BBB-	156,099
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+	10,827,999
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+	3,412,671
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+	10,657,143
2,010	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Methodist Hospital Project, Series 2009, 6.750%, 2/01/38	8/19 at 100.00	Aa2	2,449,708
5,000	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2008B, 5.250%, 11/15/48	5/18 at 100.00	AA-	5,397,450
1,586	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 18.368%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA-	2,098,088
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	1,015,180
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	3,280,620
1,000	Madera County, California, Certificates of Participation, Children's Hospital Central	3/20 at 100.00	A+	1,085,620

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1,725	California, Series 2010, 5.375%, 3/15/36 Newport Beach, California, Revenue Bonds, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 12/01/40	12/21 at 100.00	AA	2,084,111
675	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BB+	720,056
5,450	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	5,873,193
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	2,610,169
3,500	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB	4,263,910
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+	3,273,420
98,476	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)			108,026,755
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	2,175,667
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	4,871,354
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	326,499
6,915	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)			7,373,520
270	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%, 8/01/30 –	2/16 at 100.00	BBB	282,469
2,395	FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Tender Option	2/17 at 100.00	BBB	2,309,666

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	Bond Trust 3206, 8.470%, 2/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF)			
2,665	Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.0% (0.0% of Total Investments)			2,592,135
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional	No Opt. Call	D	140,851
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	11/19 at 100.00	Baa1	1,230,080
1,000	2009, 8.000%, 11/01/29 Tax Obligation/General – 31.3% (20.7% of Total Investments)			
	Alhambra Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds,	8/22 at 100.00	Aa3	3,406,800
3,000	Refunding Series 2012A, 5.000%, 8/01/29 – AGM Insured			
	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–	4,964,400
16,840	0.000%, 8/01/43 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	3,589,109
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	A1	12,013,600
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010:			
5,000	6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	6,117,050
8,000	5.500%, 3/01/40	3/20 at 100.00	A1	9,158,240
		11/20 at 100.00		
1,000	5.250%, 11/01/40		A1	1,138,260
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011:			
1,650	5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	A1	1,789,607
		10/21 at 100.00		
4,330	5.000%, 10/01/41		A1	4,699,566
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012:			
2,000	5.250%, 2/01/28	2/22 at 100.00	A1	2,308,900
5,000	5.250%, 2/01/29	2/22 at 100.00	A1	5,751,850
2,000	5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	A1	2,176,220
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2013, 5.000%, 4/01/37	4/23 at 100.00	A1	2,775,525

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4,435	California State, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	5,091,912
3,425	Coast Community College District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/31 – AGM Insured	8/18 at 100.00	Aa1	3,674,580
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–	6,038,478
3,000	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A-2, 5.000%, 7/01/24 – NPMFG Insured	7/15 at 100.00	Aa2	3,250,020
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	A2	5,360,100
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+	4,490,760
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	AA–	5,070,350
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	21,156,077
162,610	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 40.0% (26.5% of Total Investments)			114,021,404
1,000	Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D: 5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	1,032,720
615	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	631,021
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	516,579
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	1,149,730
2,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series	11/19 at 100.00	A2	2,457,220



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2,000	2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34 California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series	No Opt. Call	A2	2,204,260
2,000	2012G, 5.000%, 11/01/31 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	2,007,680
710	Facilities District 90-2 – Talega, Series 2003, 6.000%, 9/01/33 Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community	9/15 at 100.00	A	730,327
2,905	Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured Carson Redevelopment Agency, California, Redevelopment Project Area 1 Tax Allocation Bonds,	10/19 at 100.00	A–	3,412,097
1,225	Series 2009A, 7.000%, 10/01/36 Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation	9/16 at 101.00	A–	1,228,393
1,480	Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured Commerce Joint Power Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Redevelopment	8/13 at 100.00	BBB	1,481,421
1,040	Projects 2 and 3, Refunding Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – RAAI Insured Dinuba Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged City of Dinuba	9/13 at 100.00	A	1,041,050
1,430	Redevelopment Project and Dinuba Redevelopment Project 2, As Amended, Refunding Series 2001, 5.000%, 9/01/31 – NPFG Insured Fontana Redevelopment Agency, California, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation	10/13 at 100.00	A–	1,435,448
3,490	Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27 Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities	9/13 at 100.00	A	3,516,489
1,125	District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 – NPFG Insured Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,146,161
1,000	Fullerton Community Facilities District 1, California, Special Tax Bonds, Amerige	9/22 at 100.00	A–	1,066,660

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3,980	Heights, Refunding Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/32 Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 – AMBAC Insured	3/14 at 100.00	A	4,015,820
1,000	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 6/01/30	6/23 at 100.00	A2	1,106,520
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–	32,507,076
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+	2,782,484
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	1,584,075
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	5,022,990
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	BB+	1,313,810
325	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	335,485
755	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	771,814
675	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2002 Mountain House, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	680,265
2,000	Lee Lake Water District, Riverside County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 1 of Sycamore Creek, Series 2003, 6.500%, 9/01/24	9/13 at 102.00	N/R	2,051,200
1,000		8/17 at 100.00	BBB+	1,000,490

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	Lindsay Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – RAAI Insured			
1,290	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	A1	1,344,103
1,530	Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 – AGM Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AA–	1,577,063
3,500	Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 – NPMFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A	3,520,020
695	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	8/21 at 100.00	A–	860,480
9,200	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – NPMFG Insured	9/13 at 100.00	A	9,223,644
535	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	545,074
245	5.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	246,953
260	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	301,283
3,290	Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 – FGIC Insured	9/13 at 100.00	A	3,300,824
1,000	Palmdale Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project Areas, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/01/24 – AMBAC Insured	12/14 at 100.00	A–	1,047,070
245	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011: 6.000%, 9/01/33	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	252,989
530	6.125%, 9/01/41	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	547,119
8,250			N/R	8,304,368

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	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32	12/13 at 100.00		
2,130	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos Community Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28	9/18 at 100.00	BBB-	2,311,497
1,570	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 – NPF Insured	6/13 at 100.00	A	1,571,099
2,000	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, First Subordinate Series 2009A, 0.000%, 8/01/32	8/26 at 100.00	A+	2,048,920
845	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	964,559
620	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	A-	622,238
150	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-	170,310
1,860	Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 – NPF Insured	8/13 at 100.00	A	1,872,499
770	Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AA-	774,566
2,500	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A	2,860,675
1,150	Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,165,801
1,000	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,	8/19 at 100.00	A-	1,156,940

120	Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2009C, 6.500%, 8/01/39 San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,	2/21 at 100.00	A-	142,249
125	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: 7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	145,364
155	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	177,714
1,000	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Housing Set-Aside Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2010A-1, 5.500%, 8/01/35	8/20 at 100.00	A	1,088,710
1,000	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – NCFG Insured	8/15 at 100.00	A	1,026,780
1,100	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C: 5.000%, 8/01/24 – NCFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A	1,137,928
1,235	5.000%, 8/01/25 – NCFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A	1,274,718
5,000	Santa Ana Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2011A, 6.750%, 9/01/28	3/21 at 100.00	A+	6,090,550
205	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	227,224
1,200	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	3/21 at 100.00	BBB+	1,360,428
1,000	Washington Unified School District, Yolo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, 5.125%, 8/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A	1,051,550
600	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	9/14 at 105.00	N/R	644,868

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2,810	District 01-1, Refunding Series 2009A, 8.625%, 9/01/39 West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	9/13 at 103.00	N/R	2,862,069
2,000	District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38 West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	9/13 at 102.00	N/R	1,966,060
1,350	District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39 West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	9/13 at 103.00	N/R	1,348,974
	District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39 Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A:			
150	6.000%, 9/01/26	9/21 at 100.00	A-	173,231
210	6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A-	251,544
140,315	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 3.5% (2.3% of Total Investments) Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding			145,789,340
11,150	Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40 Los Angeles Department of Airports, California, Revenue Bonds, Los Angeles International	7/13 at 100.00	BBB-	11,153,791
1,250	Airport, Senior Lien Series 2010D, 5.000%, 5/15/40 (UB) (5) Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Palm Springs International Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.450%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/20 at 100.00	AA	1,379,863
120		7/14 at 102.00	N/R	120,907
12,520	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 5.2% (3.4% of Total Investments) (6) Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series			12,654,561
1,430	2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (Pre-refunded 4/01/16) (UB) California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Thomas Jefferson School	4/16 at 100.00	AA (6)	1,609,937
655	of Law, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 10/01/31 (Pre-refunded 10/01/15)	10/15 at 100.00	N/R (6)	708,304

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3,630	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 (Pre-refunded 11/01/13) – AGM Insured	11/13 at 100.00	AA– (6)	3,706,230
1,335	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)	9/13 at 102.00	N/R (6)	1,380,524
5,840	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A, 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	N/R (6)	7,841,485
1,725	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38 (Pre-refunded 9/15/13)	9/13 at 100.00	N/R (6)	1,752,600
1,120	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38 (Pre-refunded 9/15/13)	9/13 at 100.00	N/R (6)	1,140,742
575	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 (6)	632,195
16,310	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 4.9% (3.3% of Total Investments)			18,772,017
3,775	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	4,258,917
5,500	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.000%, 7/01/31 – AGM Insured (UB)	7/15 at 100.00	AA–	5,896,330
2,355	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2013B, 5.000%, 7/01/29 (WI/DD, Settling 6/04/13)	7/23 at 100.00	AA–	2,738,771
1,270	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%, 9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	1,301,471
2,500	Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California, Electric Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 1166, 17.197%, 8/15/37 (IF) (5)	8/23 at 100.00	AA–	3,754,600

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15,400	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 17.9% (11.9% of Total Investments) California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds, Poseidon Resources Channelside Desalination Project, Series 2012:			17,950,089
1,265	5.000%, 7/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	1,276,904
6,475	5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	6,493,972
875	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	942,813
2,500	Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 – AMBAC Insured	4/16 at 100.00	A	2,702,825
9,955	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.250%, 7/01/39 (UB)	1/21 at 100.00	AA	11,272,644
2,100	Los Angeles, California, Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien, Refunding Series 2013A, 5.000%, 6/01/34	6/23 at 100.00	AA	2,393,328
835	Marina Coast Water District, California, Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/31 – NPFG Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA–	902,368
2,250	Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA	2,460,330
11,000	San Diego Public Facilities Financing Authority, California, Sewerage Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2010A, 5.250%, 5/15/26	5/20 at 100.00	AA	12,918,400
5,580	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.000%, 11/01/41 (UB)	11/21 at 100.00	AA–	6,217,738
12,000	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 11/01/43 (UB)	5/22 at 100.00	AA–	13,266,480
750	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 2013-4A: 18.120%, 11/01/28 (IF)		AA–	1,247,880



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		11/21 at 100.00	
750	18.018%, 11/01/43 (IF) West Basin Municipal Water District, California, Certificates of Participation,	5/22 at 100.00 AA-	1,066,620
2,000	Refunding Series 2008B, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – AGC Insured	8/18 at 100.00 AA-	2,223,440
58,335	Total Water and Sewer		65,385,742
\$ 575,726	Total Investments (cost \$507,078,619) – 151.0%		550,568,976
	Floating Rate Obligations – (14.4)%		(52,400,000)
	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (37.4)% (7)		(136,200,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 0.8%		2,542,106
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%		\$ 364,511,082

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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 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	\$ —	\$550,568,976	\$ —	\$550,568,976

## 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 May 31, 2013, the cost of investments was \$454,150,986.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of May 31, 2013, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$52,189,808
Depreciation	(8,171,549)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$44,018,259

- (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 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.
  - (5) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in inverse floating rate transactions. Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
  - (6) 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. Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 24.7%.
  - (7) N/R Not rated.
  - WI/DD Investment, or portion of investment, 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.
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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

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

Date: July 30, 2013

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

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

Date: July 30, 2013

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

Date: July 30, 2013