

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
July 29, 2008

**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)

**Kevin J. McCarthy Vice President and Secretary**

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

(Name and address of agent for service)

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

Date of fiscal year end: 8/31

Date of reporting period: 5/31/08

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)**

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

*May 31, 2008*

**Principal**

**Amount (000) Description (1)**

**Consumer Staples □ 6.4% (4.0% of Total Investments)**

\$	1,145	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21
	7,500	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.750%, 6/01/47
	24,265	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37

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32,910 Total Consumer Staples

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**Education and Civic Organizations □ 5.9% (3.6% of Total Investments)**

	290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35
	10,000	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Southern California, Series 2007A, 4.500%, 10/01/33
		California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:
	200	5.000%, 11/01/21
	265	5.000%, 11/01/25
	2,343	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Trust 1065, 14.320%, 3/01/33 (IF)
	615	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23
	3,000	Long Beach Bond Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Long Beach Aquarium of the South Pacific, Series 2001, 5.500%, 11/01/17 □ AMBAC Insured
	3,500	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 □ AMBAC Insured

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20,213 Total Education and Civic Organizations

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**Health Care □ 22.3% (13.8% of Total Investments)**

	2,160	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/15
		California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006:
	660	5.000%, 4/01/37
	10,140	5.250%, 3/01/45
	14,895	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)
	10,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/42 □ MBIA Insured
	1,120	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35
	1,535	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31
		California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006:
	10,000	5.000%, 3/01/41 □ BHAC Insured

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9,280	5.000%, 3/01/41
3,095	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31
1,586	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 15.140%, 7/01/47 ☐ FSA Insured (IF)
10,500	Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31
2,570	Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38

77,541 Total Health Care

**Housing/Multifamily ☐ 2.4% (1.5% of Total Investments)**

5,000	Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
320	Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority, California, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, San Juan Mobile Estates, Series 2006B, 5.850%, 5/15/41
1,725	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38
1,120	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38

8,165 Total Housing/Multifamily

**Housing/Single Family ☐ 0.2% (0.1% of Total Investments)**

775	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%, 8/01/30 ☐ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)
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**Industrials ☐ 1.8% (1.1% of Total Investments)**

2,000	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Waste Management Inc., Series 2002A, 5.000%, 1/01/22 (Alternative Minimum Tax)
5,120	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

7,120 Total Industrials

**Long-Term Care ☐ 2.5% (1.5% of Total Investments)**

8,500	Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Certificates of Participation, Air Force Village West, Series 1999, 5.800%, 5/15/29
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**Tax Obligation/General ☐ 13.8% (8.5% of Total Investments)**

2,000	California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/19 ☐ RAAI Insured
	California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:
5,000	5.125%, 4/01/23
4,150	5.125%, 4/01/25
4,435	California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 ☐ AMBAC Insured
5,000	Coast Community College District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/24 ☐ FSA Insured

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5,000	Fresno Unified School District, Fresno County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 6.000%, 8/01/26 ☐ MBIA Insured (4)
5,150	Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Facilities Financing Authority, California, General Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/26 ☐ FSA Insured
5,210	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/35 ☐ FGIC Insured
575	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 ☐ FGIC Insured
5,000	San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 ☐ FSA Insured
3,605	West Contra Costa Unified School District, Contra Costa County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/21 ☐ FSA Insured

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45,125 Total Tax Obligation/General

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**Tax Obligation/Limited ☐ 36.1% (22.3% of Total Investments)**

	Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:
1,000	5.500%, 9/01/24
615	5.800%, 9/01/35
1,990	Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District 2007-1 Montesorro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25
1,990	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 ☐ FSA Insured
	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, Contra Costa County, California, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001:
1,110	5.375%, 11/01/18 ☐ FSA Insured
1,165	5.375%, 11/01/19 ☐ FSA Insured
2,000	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 90-2 ☐ Talega, Series 2003, 6.000%, 9/01/33
710	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 ☐ FGIC Insured
1,225	Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 ☐ AMBAC Insured
3,490	Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 ☐ MBIA Insured
1,125	Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34
3,980	Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 ☐ AMBAC Insured
	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A:
37,695	5.000%, 6/01/35 ☐ FGIC Insured (UB)
4,395	5.000%, 6/01/38 ☐ FGIC Insured (UB)
2,850	Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 ☐ XLCA Insured
4,500	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 ☐ AMBAC Insured
	Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities District Special Tax Bonds,

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Series 2006A:

- 345 5.000%, 9/01/26
- 795 5.125%, 9/01/36
- 675 Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Community Facilities District 2002, Mountain House Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35
- 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
- 1,000 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
- 5,000 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California, Proposition C Second Senior Lien Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 □ AMBAC Insured
- 1,530 Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 □ FSA Insured
- 3,500 Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 □ MBIA Insured
- 9,200 Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 □ MBIA Insured
- North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D:
- 545 5.000%, 9/01/26
- 250 5.000%, 9/01/33
- 3,290 Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 □ FGIC Insured
- 5,600 Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 □ MBIA Insured
- 1,000 Palmdale Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project Areas, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/01/24 □ AMBAC Insured
- 1,570 Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 □ MBIA Insured
- 620 Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 □ XLCA Insured
- 1,860 Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 □ MBIA Insured
- 770 Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 □ AMBAC Insured
- 2,500 Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 □ AMBAC Insured
- 1,150 Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33
- 2,695 San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project, Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 □ AMBAC Insured
- 1,000 Washington Unified School District, Yolo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, 5.125%, 8/01/37 □ AMBAC Insured
- 2,810 West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38
- 2,000 West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities

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District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39  
 1,350 West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities  
 District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39

124,185 Total Tax Obligation/Limited

**Transportation □ 18.9% (11.7% of Total Investments)**

1,430 Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series  
 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (UB)  
 8,150 Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding  
 Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40  
 8,515 Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%,  
 8/01/18 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)  
 120 Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Palm Springs International Airport Revenue  
 Bonds, Series 2006, 5.450%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  
 23,000 Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000K, 5.750%, 11/01/29 □ FGIC Insured  
 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  
 23,275 San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International  
 Airport, Second Series 2000, Issue 24A, 5.750%, 5/01/30 □ FSA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

64,490 Total Transportation

**U.S. Guaranteed □ 30.2% (18.7% of Total Investments) (5)**

9,750 California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%,  
 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12)  
 115 California Department of Water Resources, Water System Revenue Bonds, Central Valley Project,  
 Series 2001W, 5.250%, 12/01/22 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) □ FSA Insured  
 10,500 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center,  
 Series 1999A, 6.125%, 12/01/30 (Pre-refunded 12/01/09)  
 8,400 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,  
 Series 1998B, 5.250%, 10/01/14 (ETM)  
 740 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Thomas Jefferson School  
 of Law, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 10/01/31 (Pre-refunded 10/01/15)  
 8,000 Central California Joint Powers Health Finance Authority, Certificates of Participation,  
 Community Hospitals of Central California Obligated Group, Series 2000, 6.000%, 2/01/30  
 (Pre-refunded 2/01/10)  
 4,850 Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed  
 Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13)  
 1,940 Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1,  
 Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)  
 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)  
 10,845 Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E,  
 5.000%, 7/01/19 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) □ MBIA Insured  
 Northern California Tobacco Securitization Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds,  
 Series 2001A:  
 2,500 5.250%, 6/01/31 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)  
 4,500 5.375%, 6/01/41 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)

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5,840	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A, 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)
6,530	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 (Pre-refunded 12/15/10) □ MBIA Insured
4,000	Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2000, 5.750%, 7/01/16 (Pre-refunded 7/01/10) □ MBIA Insured
2,860	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Senior Series 2001A, 5.250%, 6/01/27 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12)
700	University of California, Certificates of Participation, San Diego and Sacramento Campus Projects, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 1/01/22 (Pre-refunded 1/01/10)
11,305	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2002O, 5.000%, 9/01/21 (Pre-refunded 9/01/10) □ FGIC Insured
2,500	Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Series 2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12)

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97,210 Total U.S. Guaranteed

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**Utilities □ 8.8% (5.4% of Total Investments)**

3,630	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 □ FSA Insured
3,775	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35
7,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A-1, 5.250%, 7/01/21 □ FSA Insured
8,370	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A-2, 5.375%, 7/01/19 □ MBIA Insured
5,500	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.000%, 7/01/31 □ FSA Insured
1,270	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%, 9/01/31 □ XLCA Insured

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29,545 Total Utilities

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**Water and Sewer □ 9.1% (5.7% of Total Investments)**

9,050	California Department of Water Resources, Water System Revenue Bonds, Central Valley Project, Series 2001W, 5.250%, 12/01/22 □ FSA Insured
875	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 □ MBIA Insured
2,500	Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 □ AMBAC Insured
835	Marina Coast Water District, California, Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/31 □ MBIA Insured
8,250	Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32
1,855	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewerage Authority, Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2008A, 6.000%, 7/01/38
2,250	Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 □ FGIC Insured

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5,115 San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/01/18 ☐ MBIA Insured

30,730 Total Water and Sewer

\$ 546,509 Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$541,628,028) ☐ 158.4%

**Short-Term Investments ☐ 3.4% (2.1% of Total Investments)**

1,275 Adelanto, California, Public Utility System Revenue Bonds, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Auction Rate Securities Series 2007A, 3.500%, 11/01/34 ☐ AMBAC Insured (6)

1,000 California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children's Hospital of San Diego, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Series 2007B, 2.740%, 8/15/47 ☐ AMBAC Insured (6)

6,550 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Insured Revenue Bonds, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, Variable Rate Demand Obligations Series 2002A, 3.250%, 8/15/32 ☐ AMBAC Insured (6)

2,000 Pasadena, California, Certificates of Participation, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, City Hall and Park Improvement Projects, Series 2003, 2.750%, 2/01/33 ☐ AMBAC Insured (6)

1,000 Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos Community Development Project, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Series 2006A, 3.850%, 9/01/36 ☐ AMBAC Insured (6)

\$ 11,825 Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$11,825,000)

Total Investments (cost \$553,453,028) ☐ 161.8%

Floating Rate Obligations ☐ (12.3)%

Other Assets Less Liabilities ☐ 1.2%

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value ☐ (50.7)% (7)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares ☐ 100%



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- (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 higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.

The Portfolio of Investments may reflect the ratings on certain bonds insured by ACA, AMBAC, CIFG, FGIC, MBIA, RAAI and XLCA as of May 31, 2008. Subsequent to May 31, 2008, and during the period this Portfolio of Investments was prepared, there may have been reductions to the ratings of certain bonds resulting from changes to the ratings of the underlying insurers both during the period and after period end. Such reductions would likely reduce the effective rating of many of the bonds insured by that insurer or insurers presented at period end.

- (4) The issuer has received a formal adverse determination from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") regarding the tax-exempt status of the bonds' coupon payments. The Fund will continue to treat coupon payments as tax-exempt income until such time it is formally determined that the interest on the bonds should be treated as taxable.
- (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. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
- (6) Investment has a maturity of more than one year, but has variable rate and demand features which qualify it as a short-term investment. The rate disclosed is that in effect at the end of the reporting period. This rate changes periodically based on market conditions or a specified market index.
- (7) Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of total investments is (31.3)%.

N/R Not rated.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction pursuant to the provisions of SFAS No. 140.

### 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 transactions subject to SFAS No.140. 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, 2008, the cost of investments was \$510,724,211.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at May 31, 2008, were as follows:

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Gross unrealized:

Appreciation	\$ 16,878,385
Depreciation	(11,292,880)

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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 5,585,505
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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.

## 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 29, 2008

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 29, 2008

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

Date July 29, 2008