## NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.\_) \*

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

(Name of Issuer)

Variable Rate Demand Preferred

(Title of Class of Securities)

67066Y600

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(CUSIP Number)

November 30, 2011

(Date Of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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|   | (b) [ ]          |         |            |            |             |           |        |        |       |
| 3.  | SEC USE ON       | NLY:    |            |            |             |           |        |        |       |
| 4.  | CITIZENSHI       | IP OR I | PLACE OF C | DRGANIZAT: | ION:        |           |        |        |       |
|   | The state        | of or   | ganizatior | n is Dela  | ware.       |           |        |        |       |
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON:

| I.R                          | .S. IDE     | NTIFICATION                            | N NO. OF ABC | VE PERSON  | :           |          |              |
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|                              |             | nley & Co.<br>3-2655998                | LLC          |            |             |          |              |
| 2. CHE                       | CK THE      | APPROPRIATI                            | E BOX IF A M | IEMBER OF  | A GROUP:    |          |              |
| (a)                          | [ ]         |  |              |            |             |          |              |
| (b)                          | [ ]         |  |              |            |             |          |              |
| 3. SEC                       | USE ON      | LY:                                    |              |            |             |          |              |
| 4. CIT                       | <br>IZENSHI | P OR PLACE                             | OF ORGANIZA  | TION:      |             |          |              |
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| 11. PER 27.                  |             | CLASS REPI                             | RESENTED BY  | AMOUNT IN  | ROW (9):    |          |              |
| 12. TYP:                     |             | PORTING PE                             | <br>RSON:    |            |             |          |              |
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| Item 1.                      | (a)         | Name of Issuer:                        |              |            |             |          |              |
|                              |             | Nuveen Cal                             | lifornia Div | idend Adv  | antage Muni | cipal Fu | ınd<br>      |
|                              | (b)         | Address of                             | f Issuer's P | rincipal   | Executive C | ffices:  |              |
|                              |             | C/O Nuveer<br>333 W Wacl<br>Chicago, 1 | IL 60606     |            |             |          |              |
| Item 2.                      | (a)         | Name of Pe                             | erson Filing | ſ <b>:</b> |             |          |              |

|         | <ul><li>(1) Morgan Stanley</li><li>(2) Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. LLC</li></ul>   |
|---------|---|
|         | (b) Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:  |
|         | <ul><li>(1) 1585 Broadway</li><li>New York, NY 10036</li><li>(2) 1585 Broadway</li><li>New York, NY 10036</li></ul>   |
|         | (c) Citizenship:  |
|         | <ul><li>(1) The state of organization is Delaware.</li><li>(2) The state of organization is Delaware.</li></ul>   |
|         | (d) Title of Class of Securities:   |
|         | Variable Rate Demand Preferred  |
|         | (e) CUSIP Number:   |
|         | 67066Y600   |
| Item 3. | If this statement is filed pursuant to Sections 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:  |
|         | <ul><li>(a) [x] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act</li><li>(15 U.S.C. 780).</li><li>Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. Incorporated</li></ul>                              |
|         | (b) [ ] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  |
|         | (c) [ ] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  |
|         | (d) [ ] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the<br>Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).   |
|         | (e) [ ] An investment adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);  |
|         | <pre>(f) [ ] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance<br/>with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);</pre>  |
|         | <pre>(g) [x] A parent holding company or control person in accordance<br/>with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);<br/>Morgan Stanley</pre>   |
|         | (h) [ ] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the<br>Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);  |
|         | <ul><li>(i) [ ] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);</li></ul> |
|         | (j) [ ] Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).   |

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- Item 4. Ownership as of November 30, 2011.\*
  - (a) Amount beneficially owned:
    See the response(s) to Item 9 on the attached cover page(s).
  - (b) Percent of Class:
    See the response(s) to Item 11 on the attached cover page(s).
  - (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
    - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 5 on the attached cover page(s).
    - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See the response(s) to Item 6 on the attached cover page(s).
    - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
       See the response(s) to Item 7 on the attached cover page(s).
    - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See the response(s) to Item 8 on the attached cover page(s).
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

See Exhibit 99.2

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

\* In Accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998) (the "Release"), this filing reflects the securities beneficially owned, or that may be deemed to be beneficially owned, by certain operating units (collectively, the "MS Reporting Units") of Morgan Stanley and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, "MS"). This filing does not reflect securities, if any, beneficially owned by any operating units

of MS whose ownership of securities is disaggregated from that of the MS Reporting Units in accordance with the Release.

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|             |                       | Signature.                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |                       |   | nowledge and belief, I certify is true, complete and correct |  |  |  |  |
| Date:       | January 6, 2012       |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Signature:  | /s/ Michael Lees      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name/Title: | Michael Lees/         | Authorized Signatory, Mc                    | organ Stanley  |  |  |  |  |
|             | MORGAN STANLE         | Y   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date:       | Date: January 6, 2012 |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Signature:  | /s/ Michael Lees      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| EVIITETT NO | MORGAN STANLE         |   | D.A.   |  |  |  |  |
| EXHIBIT NO. |                       | EXHIBITS<br>                                | PA   |  |  |  |  |
| 99.1        |                       | Joint Filing Agreem                         | ment   |  |  |  |  |
| 99.2        |                       | Item 7 Information                          |  |  |  |  |  |
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January 6, 2012

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MORGAN STANLEY and MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC hereby agree that, unless differentiated, this Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the parties.

MORGAN STANLEY

BY: /s/ Michael Lees

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Michael Lees/Authorized Signatory, Morgan Stanley

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC

BY: /s/ Michael Lees

Michael Lees/Authorized Signatory, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

\* Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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EXHIBIT NO. 99.2

ITEM 7 INFORMATION

The securities being reported on by Morgan Stanley as a parent holding company are owned, or may be deemed to be beneficially owned, by Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC a broker dealer registered under Section

15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.