

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
July 28, 2006

**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)

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

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Jessica R. Droeger 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: 5/31/06

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)**

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

*May 31, 2006*

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

**Option  
C  
Provisions (**

**Consumer Staples □ 1.9% (1.3% of Total Investments)**

\$	1,330	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.
	5,200	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33	6/13 at 100.
	6,530	Total Consumer Staples	

**Education and Civic Organizations □ 12.2% (8.2% of Total Investments)**

	290	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.
		California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:	
	200	5.000%, 11/01/21 (WI/DD, Settling 6/01/06)	11/15 at 100.
	265	5.000%, 11/01/25 (WI/DD, Settling 6/01/06)	11/15 at 100.
	5,570	California State University, Systemwide Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 11/01/30 □ AMBAC Insured	5/15 at 100.
	615	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23	10/13 at 100.
	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	11/11 at 100.
	700	University of California, Certificates of Participation, San Diego and Sacramento Campus Projects, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 1/01/22	1/10 at 101.
	6,000	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multiple Purpose Projects, Series 2000K, 5.000%, 9/01/12	9/08 at 101.
		University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2002O:	
	10,770	5.000%, 9/01/20 □ FGIC Insured	9/10 at 101.
	11,305	5.000%, 9/01/21 □ FGIC Insured	9/10 at 101.
	3,500	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 □ AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.
	42,215	Total Education and Civic Organizations	

**Health Care □ 9.9% (6.6% 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	3/13 at 100.
	1,990	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 2005, 5.000%, 11/15/34	11/15 at 100.
	530	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/24	7/15 at 100.
	9,280	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41 (WI/DD, Settling 6/08/06)	3/16 at 100.
	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	2/10 at 101.
	10,500	Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31	4/09 at 101.
	2,500	Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital,	6/12 at 101.

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Series 2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22

34,960 Total Health Care

**Housing/Multifamily □ 8.1% (5.4% of Total Investments)**

5,190	California Statewide Community Development Authority, GNMA Collateralized Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Crowne Pointe Project, Series 2002F, 6.750%, 8/20/37	8/12 at 105.
7,250	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Irvine Apartment Communities Development, Series 1998A, 4.900%, 5/15/25 (Mandatory put 5/15/08)	7/08 at 101.
5,000	Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	6/09 at 102.
320	Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority, California, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, San Juan Mobile Estates Project, Series 2006A, 5.850%, 5/15/41 (WI/DD, Settling 6/01/06)	5/16 at 100.
1,725	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38	9/13 at 100.
1,120	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38	9/13 at 100.
7,500	San Bernardino County Housing Authority, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Equity Residential Properties/Redlands Lawn and Tennis Apartments, Series 1999A, 5.200%, 6/15/29 (Mandatory put 6/15/09)	No Opt. C

28,105 Total Housing/Multifamily

**Industrials □ 0.7% (0.4% 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)	1/16 at 102.
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**Long-Term Care □ 2.4% (1.6% 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	5/09 at 101.
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**Tax Obligation/General □ 20.2% (13.5% of Total Investments)**

California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003:		
2,000	5.250%, 11/01/19 □ RAAI Insured	11/13 at 100.
5,200	5.250%, 2/01/20	8/13 at 100.
California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:		
5,000	5.125%, 4/01/23	4/14 at 100.
4,150	5.125%, 4/01/25	4/14 at 100.
California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002:		
8,000	5.000%, 2/01/12	No Opt. C
4,435	6.000%, 4/01/16 □ AMBAC Insured	No Opt. C
5,000	Fresno Unified School District, Fresno County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 6.000%, 8/01/26 □ MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
10,845	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 □ MBIA Insured	7/12 at 100.
3,335	Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/01/21 □ FSA Insured	8/14 at 100.
5,210	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series	7/14 at 101.

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	2005, 5.000%, 7/01/35 □ FGIC Insured	
1,750	Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 8/01/21 □ FSA Insured	8/08 at 101.
	Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005:	
770	5.000%, 8/01/25 □ MBIA Insured	8/15 at 100.
810	5.000%, 8/01/26 □ MBIA Insured	8/15 at 100.
5,000	San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 □ FSA Insured	7/13 at 101.
	San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A:	
600	5.000%, 9/01/25 □ MBIA Insured	9/15 at 100.
880	5.000%, 9/01/27 □ MBIA Insured	9/15 at 100.
1,300	Ventura County Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 8/01/15 □ MBIA Insured	8/12 at 101.
3,605	West Contra Costa Unified School District, Contra Costa County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/21 □ FSA Insured	8/11 at 101.

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67,890 Total Tax Obligation/General

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**Tax Obligation/Limited □ 35.4% (23.7% of Total Investments)**

	Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:	
1,000	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.
615	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.
1,990	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 □ FSA Insured	9/12 at 100.
	Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, Contra Costa County, California, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001:	
1,110	5.375%, 11/01/18 □ FSA Insured	11/11 at 100.
1,165	5.375%, 11/01/19 □ FSA Insured	11/11 at 100.
3,895	California, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15	7/14 at 100.
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	9/13 at 100.
3,490	Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 □ MBIA Insured	9/08 at 102.
1,125	Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 100.
3,980	Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 □ AMBAC Insured	3/12 at 101.
	Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A:	
540	5.000%, 9/01/20 □ XLCA Insured	9/15 at 100.
2,850	5.000%, 9/01/35 □ XLCA Insured	9/15 at 100.
4,500	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 □ AMBAC Insured	No Opt. C
	Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities District Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006A:	
345	5.000%, 9/01/26	9/06 at 103.
795	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/06 at 103.

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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.
2,200	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25	9/13 at 102.
1,500	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/13 at 102.
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	7/08 at 101.
3,555	Los Angeles County Public Works Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Regional Park and Open Space District, Series 1997A, 5.000%, 10/01/16	10/07 at 101.
1,530	Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 ☐ FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.
9,200	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 ☐ MBIA Insured	3/11 at 102.
5,545	Oakland Joint Power Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Oakland Convention Centers, Series 2001, 5.500%, 10/01/14 ☐ AMBAC Insured	No Opt. C
3,290	Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 ☐ FGIC Insured	3/13 at 100.
5,600	Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 ☐ MBIA Insured	11/11 at 101.
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.
1,055	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2001, 5.375%, 12/15/16 ☐ AMBAC Insured	12/11 at 101.
8,100	Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 ☐ MBIA Insured	12/10 at 102.
620	Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 ☐ XLCA Insured	9/15 at 100.
1,290	Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Multiple Projects, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35 ☐ XLCA Insured	10/15 at 100.
1,860	Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 ☐ MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.
2,500	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 ☐ AMBAC Insured	No Opt. C
1,150	Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 100.
2,695	San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project, Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 ☐ AMBAC Insured	6/12 at 100.
24,060	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998, 5.250%, 8/01/29	8/08 at 102.
1,595	San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 99-1, Series 2003B, 6.000%, 9/01/24	9/09 at 102.
2,810	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38	9/13 at 103.
2,000	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39	9/13 at 102.
1,350	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39	9/13 at 103.

120,905 Total Tax Obligation/Limited

**Transportation ☐ 18.9% (12.6% 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	4/16 at 100.
8,150	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40	1/10 at 101.
8,515	Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 8/01/18 ☐ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	8/11 at 100.
120	Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Palm Springs International Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.450%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/14 at 102.
23,000	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000K, 5.750%, 11/01/29 ☐ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/10 at 100.
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)	5/10 at 101.

64,490 Total Transportation

**U.S. Guaranteed ☐ 25.9% (17.3% of Total Investments) (4)**

	California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A:	
2,500	5.375%, 5/01/17 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12) ☐ XLCA Insured	5/12 at 101.
9,750	5.125%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12)	5/12 at 101.
15,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 1999A, 6.125%, 12/01/30 (Pre-refunded 12/01/09)	12/09 at 101.