

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 2

Form N-Q

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FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-10197

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
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Date of fiscal year end: 2/28

Date of reporting period: 11/30/12

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NVX)

November 30, 2012

Principal Amount	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
(000)	Consumer Staples – 8.1% (5.7% of Total Investments)			
\$ 500	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+	\$ 492,635
3,635	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Stanislaus County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 6/01/33	2/13 at 100.00	Baa1	3,547,724
12,540	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-	11,706,967
1,270	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, 5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BB-	1,073,429
3,660	Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	BB-	3,272,772
21,605	Total Consumer Staples			20,093,527
	Education and Civic Organizations – 8.3% (5.8% of Total Investments)			
1,775	ABAG Finance Authority for Non-Profit Corporations, California, Revenue Bonds, The Jackson Laboratory, Series 2012, 5.000%, 7/01/37	7/22 at 100.00	A1	2,034,558
2,745	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Southern California, Tender Option Bond Trust 09-11B, 18.336%, 10/01/38 (IF) (4)	10/18 at 100.00	Aa1	4,792,935
	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:			
125	5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	136,113
165	5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	178,688
2,250	California Educational Facilities Authority, Student Loan Revenue Bonds, Cal Loan Program,	3/13 at 100.00	Baa2	2,254,028

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Series 2001A, 5.400%, 3/01/21 – NPFQ Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)				
2,500	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of La Verne, Series 2010A, 6.250%, 6/01/40	6/20 at 100.00	BBB+	2,958,350
2,945	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.296%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	3,800,228
850	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	976,404
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	572,317
2,680	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/15/33 – AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1	2,735,905
16,600	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 25.1% (17.7% of Total Investments)			20,439,526
2,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Casa Colina Inc., Series 2001, 6.000%, 4/01/22	2/13 at 100.00	BBB	2,004,420
2,500	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Catholic Healthcare West, Series 2008J, 5.625%, 7/01/32	7/15 at 100.00	A	2,754,225
895	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+	999,894
9,260	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)	11/16 at 100.00	AA–	10,373,145
4,215	California Municipal Financing Authority, Certificates of Participation, Community Hospitals of Central California, Series 2007, 5.250%, 2/01/27	2/17 at 100.00	BBB	4,496,098
2,520	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35	3/15 at 100.00	A	2,698,038
2,225	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31	7/17 at 100.00	N/R	2,322,767
5,250	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/35	7/15 at 100.00	BBB	5,438,895
425	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	475,817
1,000	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2004D, 5.050%, 8/15/38 – AGM Insured	8/18 at 100.00	AA	1,156,720
2,705			AA–	2,962,705

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	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 11/15/43	11/15 at 100.00		
3,315	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 11/15/43 (UB) (4)	11/15 at 100.00	AA-	3,630,820
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554:			
998	18.294%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA-	1,646,354
1,325	18.261%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA-	2,185,256
2,000	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38	12/17 at 100.00	BBB	2,371,480
1,610	Madera County, California, Certificates of Participation, Children’s Hospital Central California, Series 2010, 5.375%, 3/15/36	3/20 at 100.00	A+	1,770,614
455	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BB+	494,203
4,800	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	5,293,488
5,785	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	6,031,152
2,250	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB	2,842,403
55,533	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 3.7% (2.6% of Total Investments)			61,948,494
1,320	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	1,479,905
410	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	441,263
940	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2012B, 7.250%, 8/15/47	8/22 at 100.00	A1	1,001,532
5,962	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds, Claremont Village Apartments, Series 2001D, 5.500%, 6/01/31 (Mandatory put 6/01/16) (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/13 at 101.00	AA+	6,041,116
205	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	210,859
8,837	Total Housing/Multifamily			9,174,675

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Housing/Single Family – 3.0% (2.1% of Total Investments)				
1,490	California Housing Finance Agency, California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2007G, 5.050%, 2/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,504,617
190	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%, 8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/16 at 100.00	BBB	198,814
5,775	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006M, 4.650%, 8/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/16 at 100.00	BBB	5,655,342
7,455	Total Housing/Single Family			7,358,773
Industrials – 0.1% (0.1% of Total Investments)				
3,175	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (5)	No Opt. Call	D	189,770
Long-Term Care – 0.6% (0.5% of Total Investments)				
1,550	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Cal-Mortgage Insured Revenue Bonds, Northern California Retired Officers Community Corporation – Paradise Valley Estates, Series 2002, 5.125%, 1/01/22	1/13 at 100.00	A–	1,556,231
Tax Obligation/General – 31.6% (22.3% of Total Investments)				
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006CD, 4.600%, 12/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/15 at 100.00	AA	10,314,699
13,850	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 4/01/38	4/19 at 100.00	A1	17,210,286
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010: 6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	2,574,180
1,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011: 5.250%, 11/01/40	11/20 at 100.00	A1	1,199,230
3,650	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012: 5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	A1	4,221,809
4,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012: 5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	A1	4,631,880
4,850	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012: 5.250%, 2/01/29	2/22 at 100.00	A1	5,970,205
3,500	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012: 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	A1	4,077,010
1,285	Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009D, 5.000%, 7/01/27	7/19 at 100.00	Aa2	1,544,146
13,530	New Haven Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds,	No Opt. Call	Aa3	7,885,284

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	Series 2004A, 0.000%, 8/01/24 – NPMG Insured			
1,265	Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2004, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/32 – NPMG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	A+	1,428,286
2,000	Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 7/01/20 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	Baa1	2,240,380
355	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA	391,267
1,000	Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/36	8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	1,198,030
6,480	Yosemite Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Capital Appreciation, Election 2004, Series 2010D: 0.000%, 8/01/31	No Opt. Call	Aa2	2,883,211
17,510	Yuba Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2006 Series 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/47	No Opt. Call 8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	8,395,520
87,875	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 17.8% (12.6% of Total Investments) Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:			78,025,247
650	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	675,389
385	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	398,714
1,190	Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District 2007-1 Montesoro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25 (5)	8/17 at 102.00	N/R	321,538
1,245	California State, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15	7/14 at 100.00	Aa3	1,337,728
1,200	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 100.00	N/R	1,215,660
435	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	BBB	452,422
700	Dinuba Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged City of Dinuba Redevelopment Project and Dinuba Redevelopment Project 2, As Amended, Series 2003, 5.000%, 9/01/33 – NPMG Insured	9/13 at 102.00	BBB+	718,676
960	Fontana, California, Redevelopment Agency, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	4/13 at 100.00	A–	965,626
750			N/R	765,908

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	Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 100.00		
1,785	Hawthorne Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Project Area 2 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	1,866,039
1,800	Hesperia Unified School District, San Bernardino County, California, Certificates of Participation, Capital Improvement, Series 2007, 5.000%, 2/01/41 – AMBAC Insured	2/17 at 100.00	A–	1,858,212
870	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	5/17 at 100.00	BBB+	902,756
205	Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities District Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006A: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	211,663
470	Lake Elsinore Public Finance Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003H, 6.000%, 10/01/20	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	482,784
2,000	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2002 Mountain House, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	10/13 at 102.00	N/R	2,074,520
415	Lee Lake Water District, Riverside County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 1 of Sycamore Creek, Series 2003, 6.500%, 9/01/24	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	419,835
1,265	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	9/13 at 102.00	N/R	1,313,260
800	Lynwood Redevelopment Agency, California, Project A Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 7.000%, 9/01/31	9/15 at 100.00	A1	826,616
750	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	9/21 at 100.00	A–	912,248
475	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D, 5.000%, 9/01/33	8/21 at 100.00	A–	605,981
485	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	490,747
175	Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 02-1 of Ladera Ranch, Series 2003A, 5.550%, 8/15/33	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	207,671
2,000	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue	2/13 at 100.00	N/R	2,005,440



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Bonds, Series 2011:				
165	6.000%, 9/01/33	3/13 at 103.00	N/R	170,460
360	6.125%, 9/01/41	3/13 at 103.00	N/R	371,797
3,085	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-	3,410,838
550	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	642,571
385	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-	392,754
100	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-	115,467
475	Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AA-	485,612
700	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	716,877
	San Buenaventura Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Project Areas Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2008:			
1,000	7.750%, 8/01/28	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,173,900
1,325	8.000%, 8/01/38	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,536,656
990	San Diego, California, Special Tax Community Facilities District 4 Black Mountain Ranch Villages Bonds, Series 2008A, 6.000%, 9/01/37	3/13 at 103.00	N/R	1,023,254
80	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	A-	97,157
	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			
85	7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	101,011
105	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	123,163
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C:			
1,100	5.000%, 8/01/24 – NPMG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,127,522
765	5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	BBB	786,412

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995	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006D, 5.000%, 8/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	8/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,014,005
1,530	San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Areas 2 and 3, Series 2005C, 5.000%, 8/01/35 – AMBAC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	A–	1,571,601
140	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	157,665
415	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Refunding Series 2009A, 8.625%, 9/01/39	9/14 at 105.00	N/R	451,221
1,930	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 6.750%, 9/01/30	9/13 at 103.00	N/R	1,984,677
500	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39	9/13 at 102.00	N/R	500,445
850	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39	9/13 at 103.00	N/R	853,417
3,715	Western Placer Unified School District, Placer County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2008, 5.000%, 8/01/47 – AGC Insured	8/18 at 100.00	AA–	3,980,771
240	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A–	293,964
42,595	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 4.7% (3.3% of Total Investments)			44,112,650
1,930	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (UB)	4/16 at 100.00	AA	2,213,517
1,430	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2008, Trust 3211, 13.453%, 10/01/32 (IF)	4/18 at 100.00	AA	2,220,661
7,000	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.875%, 1/15/27	1/14 at 101.00	BBB–	7,257,880
10,360	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 12.7% (9.0% of Total Investments) (6)			11,692,058
4,900	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections, Series 2003C, 5.500%, 6/01/16 (Pre-refunded 12/01/13)	12/13 at 100.00	AAA	5,157,593
860	California State, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15 (Pre-refunded 7/01/14)	7/14 at 100.00	Aaa	923,975
2,500	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Monterey Peninsula Hospital, Series 2003B, 5.250%, 6/01/18 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13) – AGM Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA– (6)	2,563,225

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415	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 10/01/31 (Pre-refunded 10/01/15)	10/15 at 100.00	N/R (6)	454,043
4,000	Daly City Housing Development Finance Agency, California, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Franciscan Mobile Home Park Project, Series 2002A, 5.850%, 12/15/32 (Pre-refunded 12/15/13)	12/13 at 102.00	A (6)	4,306,880
1,620	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13)	6/13 at 100.00	Aaa	1,666,915
1,170	Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)	9/13 at 102.00	N/R (6)	1,245,863
885	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)	939,065
2,000	Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation, Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series 2002E, 6.000%, 8/01/26 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	AA+ (6)	2,957,440
1,055	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	A+ (6)	1,100,312
700	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)	734,615
1,700	San Buenaventura, California, Wastewater Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 2004, 5.000%, 3/01/24 (Pre-refunded 3/01/14) – NPMG Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AA– (6)	1,799,280
2,330	San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series 2003, Issue 29A: 5.250%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13) – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/13 at 100.00	A+ (6)	2,377,462
2,555	5.250%, 5/01/19 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13) – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/13 at 100.00	A+ (6)	2,607,045
825	San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Phase 1, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 12/15/30 (Pre-refunded 12/15/17) – AMBAC Insured	12/17 at 100.00	AA– (6)	1,001,294
1,315	University of California, Limited Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2007D, 5.000%, 5/15/41 (Pre-refunded 5/15/16) – FGIC Insured	5/16 at 101.00	Aa2 (6)	1,476,048
28,830	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 8.3% (5.8% of Total Investments)			31,311,055
5,000	Anaheim Public Finance Authority, California, Second Lien Electric Distribution Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 10/01/21 – NPMG Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AA–	5,352,650
2,355	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	2,756,951

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1,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A-2, 5.000%, 7/01/23 – NPMFG Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA-	1,028,010
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	549,780
790	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	819,372
1,500	5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	1,551,480
2,000	Santa Clara, California, Subordinate Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 7/01/20 – NPMFG Insured	7/13 at 100.00	A+	2,057,500
1,500	Southern California Public Power Authority, California, Milford Wind Corridor Phase I Revenue Bonds, Series 2010-1, 5.000%, 7/01/28	1/20 at 100.00	AA-	1,785,540
4,000	Southern California Public Power Authority, Natural Gas Project 1 Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/01/33	No Opt. Call	Baa1	4,520,360
18,645	Total Utilities			20,421,643
	Water and Sewer – 17.7% (12.5% of Total Investments)			
1,400	Castaic Lake Water Agency, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/36 – NPMFG Insured	8/16 at 100.00	AA-	1,561,364
545	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA-	602,481
2,000	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Water Revenue Bonds, 2006 Authorization Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/37	7/17 at 100.00	AAA	2,312,940
1,160	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 09-8B, 17.929%, 7/01/35 (IF) (4)	7/19 at 100.00	AAA	2,022,437
1,500	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Tender Option Bond Trust 11782-1, 17.516%, 2/15/35 (IF)	8/19 at 100.00	AAA	2,560,680
750	Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA	840,420
10,000	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Clean Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 10/01/20 – NPMFG Insured	4/13 at 100.00	AA-	10,156,099
20,000	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 11/01/43	5/22 at 100.00	AA-	23,593,196
37,355	Total Water and Sewer			43,649,617
\$ 340,415	Total Investments (cost \$312,226,502) – 141.7%			349,973,266
	Floating Rate Obligations – (3.8)%			(9,380,000)
	MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (39.6)% (7)			(97,846,300)

Other Assets Less Liabilities – 1.7%	4,217,095
	\$
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%	246,964,061

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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	\$ —	\$349,973,266	\$ —	\$349,973,266

The Nuveen funds' Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the oversight of the daily valuation process to the Adviser's Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the funds' pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Directors/Trustees. The Valuation Committee is aided in its efforts by the Adviser's dedicated Securities Valuation Team, which is responsible for administering the daily valuation process and applying fair value methodologies as approved by the Valuation Committee. When determining the reliability of independent pricing services for investments owned by the funds, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of the pricing services and monitors the quality of security prices received through various testing reports conducted by the Securities Valuation Team.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the

purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such testing and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Directors/Trustees.

#### 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 November 30, 2012, the cost of investments was \$303,086,636.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at November 30, 2012, were as follows:

#### Gross unrealized:

Appreciation	\$42,145,122
Depreciation	(4,635,627)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$37,509,495

- (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) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in inverse floating rate transactions.
- (5) 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.

- (6) 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.
  - (7) MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 28.0%.  
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.
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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 2

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

Date: January 29, 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: January 29, 2013

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

Date: January 29, 2013