

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 2

Form N-Q

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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: 11/30/11

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NVX)

November 30, 2011

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Staples – 7.2% (4.8% of Total Investments)			
\$ 535	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	BBB	\$ 499,594
3,940	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Stanislaus County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 6/01/33	6/12 at 100.00	Baa1	3,324,927
7,540	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+	5,330,328
9,940	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	BB+	6,204,449
21,955	Total Consumer Staples			15,359,298
	Education and Civic Organizations – 10.3% (6.9% of Total Investments)			
2,000	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Stanford University, Series 2001Q, 5.250%, 12/01/32	6/12 at 100.00	AAA	2,026,480
2,745	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Southern California, Tender Option Bond Trust 09-11B, 18.383%, 10/01/38 (IF) (4)	10/18 at 100.00	Aa1	3,338,195
	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:			
125	5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	132,528
165	5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	171,199
2,250	California Educational Facilities Authority, Student Loan Revenue Bonds, Cal Loan Program, Series 2001A, 5.400%, 3/01/21 – NCFG Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/12 at 100.00	Baa1	2,251,575
2,500	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of La Verne, Series 2010A,	6/20 at 100.00	Baa2	2,567,925

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	6.250%, 6/01/40			
2,945	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.234%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aa2	3,124,586
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	N/R	841,186
605	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	591,769
3,000	Long Beach Bond Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Long Beach	5/12 at 101.00	BBB	2,917,500
	Aquarium of the South Pacific, Series 2001, 5.250%, 11/01/30 – AMBAC Insured			
2,680	University of California, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/15/33 – AMBAC Insured (UB)	5/13 at 100.00	Aa1	2,719,798
1,315	University of California, Limited Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2007D, 5.000%, 5/15/41 – FGIC Insured	5/16 at 101.00	Aa2	1,341,063
21,180	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 25.8% (17.3% of Total Investments)			22,023,804
2,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Casa Colina Inc., Series 2001, 6.000%, 4/01/22	4/12 at 100.00	BBB	2,008,440
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	A2	881,029
1,755	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46	11/16 at 100.00	AA–	1,746,874
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–	9,217,126
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	Baa2	3,978,791
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	2,473,934
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	1,826,369
2,500	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Monterey Peninsula Hospital, Series 2003B, 5.250%, 6/01/18 – AGM Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA–	2,629,450
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	4,469,010
425			A+	432,620

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	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00		
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–	1,001,900
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2005A:			
2,705	5.000%, 11/15/43	11/15 at 100.00	AA–	2,635,454
3,315	5.000%, 11/15/43 (UB) California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554:	11/15 at 100.00	AA–	3,229,771
1,325	18.351%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA–	1,347,525
998	18.384%, 7/01/47 – AGM Insured (IF)	7/18 at 100.00	AA–	1,014,497
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	2,209,220
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	1,577,784
455	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BBB–	457,716
4,800	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Baa3	4,563,600
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	5,157,675
2,250	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB	2,362,950
57,288	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 5.8% (3.9% of Total Investments)			55,221,735
1,325	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB–	1,325,543
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)	6/13 at 102.00	AA+	6,090,958
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	187,608

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1,055	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38	9/13 at 100.00	A+	1,058,629
700	Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38	9/13 at 100.00	N/R	703,262
3,045	Yucaipa Redevelopment Agency, California, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Rancho del Sol and Grandview, Series 2001A, 6.750%, 5/15/36	5/12 at 101.00	N/R	3,067,259
12,292	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 2.6% (1.8% of Total Investments)			12,433,259
250	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	250,115
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	5,016,685
375	California Rural Home Mortgage Finance Authority, Mortgage-Backed Securities Program Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.650%, 12/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	6/12 at 101.00	A–	387,915
6,400	Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)			5,654,715
3,175	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (5) Long-Term Care – 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)	No Opt. Call	D	695,865
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–	1,575,157
3,750	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Inland Regional Center Project, Series 2007, 5.375%, 12/01/37	12/17 at 100.00	Baa1	3,539,738
5,300	Total Long-Term Care Tax Obligation/General – 23.5% (15.8% of Total Investments)			5,114,895
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006CD, 4.600%, 12/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/15 at 100.00	AA	9,452,500
13,850	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 4/01/38	No Opt. Call	A1	15,330,842
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010: 6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	2,245,040
1,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011: 5.250%, 11/01/40	11/20 at 100.00	A1	1,021,740

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2,300	5.000%, 9/01/41	No Opt. Call	A1	2,294,526
4,000	5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at	A1	3,990,480
3,615	Colton Joint Unified School District, San Bernardino County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 8/01/22 – FGIC Insured	8/12 at 102.00	Aa3	3,781,037
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	1,376,569
2,000	Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 7/01/20 – NPMF Insured	No Opt. Call	Baa1	2,175,200
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–	372,360
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	1,068,330
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	1,936,872
17,510	0.000%, 8/01/42	No Opt. Call	Aa2	5,200,295
65,395	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 21.1% (14.2% of Total Investments) Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:			50,245,791
650	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	641,739
385	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	366,863
1,190	Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District 2007-1 Montesorro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25 (5), (6)	8/17 at 102.00	N/R	440,657
4,900	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections, Series 2003C, 5.500%, 6/01/16	12/13 at 100.00	A2	5,170,431
1,245	California, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15	7/14 at 100.00	Aa3	1,367,284
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	1,206,192
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	432,133
475	National City Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocations Revenue Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project Area, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	8/21 at 100.00	A–	525,260

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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	A-	649,572
960	Fontana Redevelopment Agency, California, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	4/12 at 100.00	A-	960,211
750	Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	734,438
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	A-	1,714,403
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-	1,603,962
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+	813,111
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	199,356
470	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	433,754
2,000	Lake Elsinore Public Finance Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003H, 6.000%, 10/01/20	10/13 at 102.00	N/R	2,064,980
415	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Community Facilities District 2002, Mountain House Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	359,415
1,265	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	1,312,830
800	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	734,376
750	Lynwood Redevelopment Agency, California, Project A Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 7.000%, 9/01/31	9/21 at 100.00	A-	826,215
485	North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D, 5.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	420,112
175	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment	9/21 at 100.00	A-	188,718



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	Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40			
2,000	Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 02-1 of Ladera Ranch, Series 2003A, 5.550%, 8/15/33	8/12 at 100.00	N/R	2,000,000
	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011:			
165	6.000%, 9/01/33	No Opt. Call	N/R	164,386
360	6.125%, 9/01/41	No Opt. Call	N/R	359,226
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	3,081,483
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+	561,050
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-	344,833
100	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project Area, Series 2011-B, 6.500%, 10/01/25	10/21 at 100.00	A-	103,965
475	Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AA-	479,090
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	705,558
	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	1,109,370
1,325	8.000%, 8/01/38	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,467,769
1,000	San Diego, California, Special Tax Community Facilities District 4 Black Mountain Ranch Villages Bonds, Series 2008A, 6.000%, 9/01/37	3/12 at 100.00	N/R	1,014,840
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-	85,743
	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	89,996
105	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB	110,796
765			Baa1	713,875

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	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMG Insured	8/17 at 100.00		
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	945,091
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–	1,370,651
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	143,058
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	444,469
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	1,850,658
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	422,545
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	730,881
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–	3,591,811
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–	252,444
46,405	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 8.9% (6.0% of Total Investments)			45,309,600
3,000	Bay Area Governments Association, California, BART SFO Extension, Airport Premium Fare Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 8/01/32 – AMBAC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	N/R	2,663,340
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	2,030,051
1,430	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2008, Trust 3211, 13.528%, 10/01/32 (IF)	4/18 at 100.00	AA	1,706,319
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–	6,982,080
5,585	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002N, 5.000%, 11/01/16 – NPMG Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/12 at 100.00	A	5,704,519
18,945	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 21.5% (14.4% of Total Investments) (7)			19,086,309
2,700			Aaa	2,782,485

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	California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12)	5/12 at 101.00		
425	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 (7)	477,033
860	California, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15 (Pre-refunded 7/01/14)	7/14 at 100.00	Aaa	958,246
	Contra Costa County Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002:			
3,005	5.000%, 8/01/21 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) – FGIC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	Aa1 (7)	3,100,559
3,300	5.000%, 8/01/22 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) – FGIC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	Aa1 (7)	3,404,940
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	N/R (7)	4,507,760
2,005	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	2,151,004
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 (7)	1,312,459
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 (7)	985,058
9,510	Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) – NPMFG Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AA– (7)	9,775,805
2,000	Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation, Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series 2002E, 6.000%, 8/01/26 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	AA+ (7)	2,669,560
	San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series 2003, Issue 29A:			
2,430	5.250%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13) – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/13 at 100.00	A+ (7)	2,598,764
2,555	5.250%, 5/01/19 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13) – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/13 at 100.00	A+ (7)	2,732,445
1,000	San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series 2003, Issue 29B, 5.125%, 5/01/17 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13) – FGIC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	A+ (7)	1,067,870
2,000	San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series 2002, Issue 28A, 5.250%, 5/01/17 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12) – NPMFG Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/12 at 100.00	A+ (7)	2,040,740

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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– (7)	991,922
2,800	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Senior Series 2001A, 5.500%, 6/01/36 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12)	6/12 at 100.00	Aaa	2,873,920
1,500	Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Series 2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12)	6/12 at 101.00	N/R (7)	1,555,500
42,970	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 8.6% (5.8% of Total Investments)			45,986,070
5,000	Anaheim Public Finance Authority, California, Second Lien Electric Distribution Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 10/01/21 – NPMFG Insured	10/14 at 100.00	A+	5,206,600
2,355	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	2,102,167
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–	1,054,080
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–	513,255
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	718,205
1,500	5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	1,345,095
2,000	Santa Clara, California, Subordinate Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 7/01/20 – NPMFG Insured	7/13 at 100.00	A1	2,099,820
1,500	Southern California Public Power Authority, California, Milford Wind Corridor Phase I Revenue Bonds, Series 2010-1, 5.000%, 7/01/28	No Opt. Call	AA–	1,612,905
4,000	Southern California Public Power Authority, Natural Gas Project 1 Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/01/33	No Opt. Call	Baa1	3,719,240
18,645	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 10.8% (7.3% of Total Investments)			18,371,367
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–	1,410,625
545	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	552,700
1,160			AAA	1,506,422

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	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Tender Option	7/19 at 100.00		
	Bond Trust 09-8B, 18.049%, 7/01/35 (IF) (4)			
1,500	Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Tender Option	8/19 at 100.00	AAA	1,817,640
	Bond Trust 11782-1, 17.696%, 2/15/35 (IF)			
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	782,039
1,700	San Buenaventura, California, Wastewater Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 2004, 5.000%, 3/01/24 – NPFG Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AA	1,760,400
4,785	San Diego Public Facilities Financing Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2002, 5.000%, 8/01/21 – NPFG Insured	8/12 at 100.00	Aa3	4,903,236
10,000	San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Clean Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 10/01/20 – NPFG Insured	4/13 at 100.00	AA-	10,478,299
21,840	Total Water and Sewer			23,211,361
\$ 341,790	Total Investments (cost \$315,573,596) – 148.8%			318,714,069
	Floating Rate Obligations – (5.3)%			(11,390,000)
	MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (45.7)% (8)			(97,846,300)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.2%			4,709,234
				\$
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			214,187,003

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 three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – 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 risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of November 30, 2011:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$318,273,412	\$440,657	\$318,714,069

The following is a reconciliation of the Fund's Level 3 investments held at the beginning and end of the measurement period:

	Level 3 Municipal Bonds
Balance at the beginning of period	\$ 766,086
Gains (losses):	
Net realized gains (losses)	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(325,429)
Purchases at cost	—
Sales at proceeds	—
Net discounts (premiums)	—
Transfers in to	—
Transfers out of	—
Balance at the end of period	\$ 440,657

During the period ended November 30, 2011, the Fund recognized no significant transfers to or from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

**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, 2011, the cost of investments was \$304,560,390.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at November 30, 2011, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 13,839,193
Depreciation	(11,072,569)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 2,766,624

- (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) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment categorized as level 3. Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
  - (7) 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.
  - (8) MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 30.7%.
- 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 27, 2012

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 27, 2012

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

Date January 27, 2012