

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 2

Form N-Q

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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 811-10197

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

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

Date of fiscal year end: 2/28

Date of reporting period: 5/31/14

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage  
Municipal Fund 2 (NVX)  
May 31, 2014

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 129.7% (93.6% of Total Investments)			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 129.7% (93.6% of Total Investments)			
	Consumer Staples – 7.6% (5.5% of Total Investments)			
	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Los Angeles County Securitization Corporation, Series 2006A:			
\$ 2,000	5.600%, 6/01/36	12/18 at 100.00	BB–	\$ 1,740,400
2,000	5.650%, 6/01/41	12/18 at 100.00	BB–	1,687,140
290	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+	278,110
2,385	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Stanislaus County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 6/01/33	8/14 at 100.00	Baa1	2,376,653
8,540	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1: 5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	B	7,210,578
1,270	5.125%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	B	988,873
3,660	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	B	3,015,035

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20,145	Total Consumer Staples Education and Civic Organizations – 4.6% (3.5% of Total Investments)			17,296,789
1,775	ABAG Finance Authority for Non-Profit Corporations, California, Revenue Bonds, The Jackson	7/22 at 100.00	A1	1,885,831
125	Laboratory, Series 2012, 5.000%, 7/01/37 California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series	11/15 at 100.00	A2	132,388
555	2006, 5.000%, 11/01/21 California Municipal Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Rocketship Education –	6/22 at 102.00	N/R	591,569
80	Multiple Projects, Series 2014A, 7.250%, 6/01/43 California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Affordable Housing Inc Projects, Senior Series 2014A: 5.250%, 8/15/39 (WI/DD, Settling 6/05/14)	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	83,591
220	5.250%, 8/15/49 (WI/DD, Settling 6/05/14)	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	228,791
2,500	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of La Verne, Series 2010A, 6.250%, 6/01/40	6/20 at 100.00	Baa1	2,791,200
2,945	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Series 2006F, 9.251%, 3/01/33 (IF)	3/18 at 100.00	Aaa	3,866,196
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–	948,600
9,050	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 22.0% (15.9% of Total Investments)			10,528,166
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	2,564,525
395	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lucile Salter Packard Children’s Hospital, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 8/15/43	8/24 at 100.00	AA	433,900
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	A1	996,994

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1,500	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46	11/16 at 100.00	AA-	1,560,600
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	Baa1	4,380,312
5,520	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35	3/15 at 100.00	A	5,565,485
3,200	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	A+	3,467,008
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	2,232,031
5,245	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/35	7/15 at 100.00	B-	4,932,765
425	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	446,433
1,035	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2004D, 5.050%, 8/15/38 – AGM Insured	8/18 at 100.00	AA	1,085,436
2,705	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 11/15/43	11/15 at 100.00	AA-	2,754,231
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	2,226,860
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+	1,721,621
455	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BB	472,090
1,500	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2009,	11/19 at 100.00	Ba1	1,585,980

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	6.625%, 11/01/29			
4,800	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010,	11/20 at 100.00	Ba1	4,902,096
	6.000%, 11/01/41			
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	5,880,568
2,250	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011,	12/21 at 100.00	BB	2,608,245
48,260	7.500%, 12/01/41 Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 1.3% (0.9% of Total Investments)			49,817,180
1,310	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	1,423,315
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	432,517
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	997,782
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	207,062
2,865	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 3.3% (2.3% of Total Investments)			3,060,676
5,775	California Housing Finance Agency, California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006M, 4.650%, 8/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/16 at 100.00	A–	5,747,627
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	A–	1,508,774
110	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	A–	115,051
7,375	Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.0% (0.0% of Total Investments)			7,371,452

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3,175	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (4) Tax Obligation/General – 31.4% (22.7% of Total Investments)	No Opt. Call	D	12,033
1,300	Alhambra Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2012A, 5.000%, 8/01/29 – AGM Insured	8/22 at 100.00	Aa3	1,463,514
10,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006CD, 4.600%, 12/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/15 at 100.00	AA	10,074,500
13,850	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 4/01/38	4/19 at 100.00	A1	16,366,684
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010: 6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	A1	2,421,120
1,000	5.250%, 11/01/40	11/20 at 100.00	A1	1,121,470
4,850	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011: 5.250%, 10/01/28	No Opt. Call	A1	5,702,145
2,300	5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	A1	2,501,503
2,190	5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	A1	2,383,815
2,500	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2013: 5.000%, 2/01/43	No Opt. Call	A1	2,749,750
2,240	5.000%, 11/01/43	11/23 at 100.00	A1	2,480,083
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2014, 5.000%, 5/01/32	5/24 at 100.00	A1	2,297,440
32,730	Desert Community College District, Riverside County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2004 Series 2007C, 0.000%, 8/01/46 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	5,741,824
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	1,487,246
13,530	New Haven Unified School District, Alameda County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, 0.000%, 8/01/24 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	8,147,631
1,265	Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2004, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/32 – NPMFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA–	1,325,075
2,000		No Opt. Call	AA–	2,179,620

	Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 7/01/20 – NPFG Insured			
1,000	Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation	8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	1,123,210
	Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/36			
1,600	Yuba Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2006 Series	8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	1,751,792
	2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/47			
97,640	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 23.4% (16.9% of Total Investments)			71,318,422
	Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:			
650	5.500%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	666,328
385	5.800%, 9/01/35	9/14 at 102.00	N/R	393,944
7,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities Series 2013F, 5.250%, 9/01/31	9/23 at 100.00	A2	8,107,610
1,245	California State, Economic Recovery Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/15	7/14 at 100.00	AA	1,250,241
435	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 98-2, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	AA–	445,479
4,265	Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Water System Financing, Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41	3/22 at 100.00	AA–	4,515,995
960	Fontana Redevelopment Agency, San Bernardino County, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 1997A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	10/14 at 100.00	A–	965,885
750	Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Hills South Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	753,443
2,500	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A: 5.000%, 6/01/45	6/15 at 100.00	A2	2,537,250
2,995	5.000%, 6/01/45 – AGM Insured	6/15 at 100.00	AA	3,066,131
1,785	Hawthorne Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Project Area 2 Tax	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	1,849,849



	Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA GTY Insured 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–	1,868,706
1,800	Hesperia Unified School District, San Bernardino County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 2/01/38 – BAM Insured	2/23 at 100.00	AA	1,612,875
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+	900,119
205	Irvine Unified School District, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District Series 2006A: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	209,830
470	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	480,420
415	Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2002 Mountain House, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	424,441
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	816,664
1,350	Los Angeles County Public Works Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Multiple Capital Facilities Project II, Series 2012, 5.000%, 8/01/42	No Opt. Call	AA	1,452,479
750	Lynwood Redevelopment Agency, California, Project A Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 7.000%, 9/01/31	9/21 at 100.00	A–	917,618
475	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	8/21 at 100.00	A–	601,388
475	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	485,331
175	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	201,457

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	Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40 Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Senior Series 2013A:			
1,205	5.250%, 9/01/30	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,306,545
1,085	5.750%, 9/01/39	9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,188,639
	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B , 5.875%, 9/01/39			
200		9/23 at 100.00	N/R	217,818
	Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2011:			
165	6.000%, 9/01/33	9/14 at 103.00	N/R	170,514
360	6.125%, 9/01/41	9/14 at 103.00	N/R	371,880
	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos Community Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28			
3,085		9/18 at 100.00	BBB-	3,288,579
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 0.000%, 8/01/45 – NPFPG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	857,102
6,275				
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+	619,812
	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-	121,183
100				
	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	1,105,110
1,325	8.000%, 8/01/38	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,441,892
	San Diego, California, Special Tax Community Facilities District 4 Black Mountain Ranch Villages Bonds, Series 2008A, 6.000%, 9/01/37			
990		9/14 at 100.00	N/R	1,023,611
	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41			
80		2/21 at 100.00	A-	95,946

	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+	96,465
105	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	117,501
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C:			
1,100	5.000%, 8/01/24 – NPMFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA–	1,158,443
765	5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA–	802,760
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006D, 5.000%, 8/01/23 – AMBAC Insured			
995		8/17 at 100.00	BBB	1,052,879
	San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Areas 2 and 3, Series 2005C, 5.000%, 8/01/35 – AMBAC Insured			
1,530		8/15 at 100.00	A–	1,544,520
	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26			
140		4/21 at 100.00	N/R	157,454
	Temecula Public Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 03-02 Roripaugh, Series 2006, 5.500%, 9/01/36			
930		9/14 at 102.00	N/R	902,063
	Ventura County Public Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2013A, 5.000%, 11/01/38			
675		11/22 at 100.00	AA+	743,864
	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32			
240		9/21 at 100.00	A–	285,497
55,240	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 9.2% (6.6% of Total Investments)			53,193,560
	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2013S-4, 5.250%, 4/01/48			
2,000		4/23 at 100.00	A+	2,223,660
1,430	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge,	4/18 at 100.00	AA	2,006,662

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	Tender			
	Option Bond Trust 3211, 13.465%, 10/01/32 (IF)			
2,240	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43	1/24 at 100.00	BB+	2,615,312
4,940	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A: 5.750%, 1/15/46	1/24 at 100.00	BBB-	5,582,595
4,935	6.000%, 1/15/53	1/24 at 100.00	BBB-	5,653,141
1,545	Port of Oakland, California, Reveue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012P: 5.000%, 5/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	1,706,854
1,000	5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	1,088,870
18,090	Total Transportation			20,877,094
	U.S. Guaranteed – 4.1% (2.9% of Total Investments) (5)			
1,930	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (Pre-refunded 4/01/16) (UB)	4/16 at 100.00	AA (5)	2,098,566
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	863,612
405	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 (5)	425,732
2,000	Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation, Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series 2002E, 6.000%, 8/01/26 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	BB (5)	2,670,380
355	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 (Pre-refunded 8/01/15) – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA (5)	375,217
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	N/R (5)	948,428
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	AA- (5)	1,428,748

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415	West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	9/14 at 105.00	N/R (5)	444,631
8,105	District 01-1, Refunding Series 2009A, 8.625%, 9/01/39 (Pre-refunded 9/01/14) Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 14.2% (10.2% of Total Investments)			9,255,314
5,000	Anaheim Public Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Electric Distribution System,	10/14 at 100.00	AA–	5,081,450
2,355	Second Lien Series 2004, 5.250%, 10/01/21 – NPMFG Insured Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series	No Opt. Call	A	2,633,926
500	2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series	7/15 at 100.00	AA	522,360
14,000	2005A-1, 5.000%, 7/01/31 – AGM Insured Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series	7/22 at 100.00	AA–	15,483,020
790	2012B, 5.000%, 7/01/43 Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005:			
1,500	5.125%, 9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	799,448
1,500	5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA GTY Insured Southern California Public Power Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Apex Power Project	9/15 at 100.00	N/R	1,516,920
1,500	Series 2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/38	7/24 at 100.00	AA–	1,704,120
4,000	Southern California Public Power Authority, Natural Gas Project 1 Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A,	No Opt. Call	A	4,377,079
29,645	5.000%, 11/01/33 Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 8.6% (6.2% of Total Investments)			32,118,323
2,500	Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, California, Revenue Bonds, Capital Cost	4/23 at 100.00	AA–	2,933,150
5,240	Recovery Prepayment Program, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 10/01/28 California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds, Poseidon	No Opt. Call	Baa3	5,359,053
	Resources Channelside LP Desalination Project, Series 2012, 5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax)			

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1,400	Castaic Lake Water Agency, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/36 – NPMG Insured	8/16 at 100.00	AA–	1,501,038
545	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA–	579,024
1,160	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 09-8B, 17.806%, 7/01/35 (IF) (6)	7/19 at 100.00	AAA	1,801,155
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	796,710
5,825	Sacramento, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, 5.000%, 9/01/42	9/23 at 100.00	AA	6,454,332
17,420	Total Water and Sewer			19,424,462
317,010	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$273,276,721)			294,273,471
Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS – 8.8% (6.4% of Total Investments)			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 8.8% (6.4% of Total Investments)			
	Housing/Multifamily – 8.8% (6.4% of Total Investments)			
\$ 20,000	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Wilshire Station Apartments, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Tender Option Bond Trust 1178, 0.310%, 10/15/38 (8)	1/15 at 100.00	A–1	20,000,000
\$ 20,000	Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$20,000,000)			20,000,000
	Total Investments – (cost \$293,276,721) – 138.5%			314,273,471
	Floating Rate Obligations – (0.4%)			(965,000)
	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (43.2%) (7)			(98,000,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 5.1%			11,559,915
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%			\$ 226,868,386



## Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received 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	\$ —	\$294,273,471	\$ —	\$294,273,471
Short-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	—	20,000,000	—	20,000,000
Total	\$ —	\$314,273,471	\$ —	\$314,273,471

## 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.

As of May 31, 2014, the cost of investments was \$292,476,312.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of May 31, 2014, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:



Appreciation	\$25,821,057
Depreciation	(4,988,898)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$20,832,159

- (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) At or subsequent to the end of the reporting period, this security is non-income producing. Non-income producing, in the case of a fixed-income security, 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.
  - (5) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities, which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.
  - (6) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in inverse floating rate obligations.
  - (7) Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 31.2%.
  - (8) Investment has a maturity of more than one year, but has variable rate and demand features which qualify it as a short-term investment. The rate disclosed is that in effect at the end of the reporting period. This rate changes periodically based on market conditions or a specified market index.
- WI/DD Investment, or portion of investment, purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
- (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
- (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

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: July 30, 2014

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date: July 30, 2014

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

Date: July 30, 2014