

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA SELECT TAX FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Form N-Q

August 29, 2012

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 811-6623

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(Name and address of agent for service)

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

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 6/30/12

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.



Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)  
 Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio (NXC)  
 June 30, 2012

Principal Amount	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
(000)	Consumer Staples – 4.3%			
\$ 140	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+	\$ 135,646
940	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Fresno County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002, 5.625%, 6/01/23	12/12 at 100.00	A3	942,651
1,065	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-	856,175
1,885	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37	6/17 at 100.00	BB-	1,367,360
1,095	Total Consumer Staples	6/22 at 100.00	BB-	823,593
5,125	Education and Civic Organizations – 3.9%			4,125,425
3,000	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2008A, 5.625%, 4/01/37	4/18 at 100.00	Aa3	3,382,020
45	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	46,227
35	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006: 5.000%, 11/01/21	11/15 at 100.00	A2	37,477
45	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, 5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	47,373
250	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, 7/21 at 100.00	7/21 at 100.00	BBB	271,180

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	Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46			
3,375	Total Education and Civic Organizations			3,784,277
	Health Care – 10.5%			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds,	8/21 at		
235	Rady Children’s Hospital –	100.00	A+	249,055
	San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds,	11/16 at		
2,550	Sutter Health, Series 2007A,	100.00	AA–	2,666,408
	5.250%, 11/15/46 (UB)			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Hospital	6/13 at		
1,500	Revenue Bonds, Monterey	100.00	AA–	1,554,015
	Peninsula Hospital, Series 2003B, 5.250%, 6/01/18 – AGM Insured			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Insured	11/12 at		
1,500	Mortgage Hospital Revenue Bonds,	100.00	A–	1,501,680
	Mission Community Hospital, Series 2001, 5.375%, 11/01/26			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue	8/16 at		
545	Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System,	100.00	A+	602,923
	Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31			
	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda	12/17 at		
540	University Medical Center, Series	100.00	BBB	617,603
	2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38			
	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of	11/20 at		
1,100	Participation, Series 2010,	100.00	Baa3	1,158,465
	6.000%, 11/01/41			
	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial	12/21 at		
670	Health System, Series 2011,	100.00	BB	800,174
	7.500%, 12/01/41			
	Upland, California, Certificates of Participation, San Antonio	1/21 at		
800	Community Hospital, Series	100.00	A	920,272
	2011, 6.500%, 1/01/41			
9,440	Total Health Care			10,070,595
	Housing/Multifamily – 0.9%			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue	8/20 at		
375	Bonds, Caritas Projects	100.00	BBB	409,110
	Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue	8/22 at		
395	Bonds, Caritas Projects	100.00	BBB	409,248
	Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47			
770	Total Housing/Multifamily			818,358
	Housing/Single Family – 0.1%			
	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds,	2/16 at		
65	Series 2006H, 5.750%,	100.00	BBB	67,703
	8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
	Industrials – 1.2%			
	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Solid Waste	No Opt.		
1,015	Disposal Revenue Bonds, Republic	Call	BBB	1,149,863
	Services Inc., Series 2002C, 5.250%, 6/01/23 (Mandatory put			
	12/01/17) (Alternative Minimum Tax)			
	Long-Term Care – 1.6%			
1,500			A–	1,508,850

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	ABAG Finance Authority for Non-Profit Corporations, California, Insured Senior Living Revenue Bonds, Odd Fellows Home of California, Series 2003A, 5.200%, 11/15/22 Tax Obligation/General – 39.2%	11/12 at 100.00		
750	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 2/01/23	2/14 at 100.00	A1	793,140
1,650	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 5.500%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	A1	1,849,964
2,500	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	A1	2,658,825
2,000	California State, Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, 5.250%, 4/01/35	4/22 at 100.00	A1	2,226,660
6,225	Escondido Union High School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Election 2008 Series 2009, 0.000%, 8/01/36 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,772,631
4,650	Golden West Schools Financing Authority, California, General Obligation Revenue Refunding Bonds, School District Program, Series 1999A: 0.000%, 8/01/16 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	4,070,796
1,750	0.000%, 2/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,481,813
2,375	0.000%, 8/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,967,640
2,345	0.000%, 2/01/18 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,885,872
1,015	Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series 1995C: 0.000%, 5/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	901,269
1,080	0.000%, 5/01/18 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	933,034
5,500	Poway Unified School District, San Diego County, California, School Facilities Improvement District 2007-1 General Obligation Bonds, Election 2008 Series 2011A, 0.000%, 8/01/46	No Opt. Call	Aa2	909,315
100	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+	109,271
3,220	Sacramento City Unified School District, Sacramento County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/27 – NPMFG Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA-	3,512,730
8,075	San Bernardino Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008 Series 2009B, 0.000%, 8/01/44	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,495,409
1,500	San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds,	7/13 at 101.00	Aa2	1,585,590

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	Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/24 – AGM Insured			
	Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County,	No Opt.		
26,655	California, General Obligation	Call	Aa2	4,354,624
	Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C, 0.000%, 8/01/46			
	Sunnyvale School District, Santa Clara County, California, General	9/15 at		
2,565	Obligation Bonds, Series	100.00	AA	2,830,708
	2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – AGM Insured			
	West Hills Community College District, California, General	8/31 at		
4,250	Obligation Bonds, School Facilities	100.00	AA-	2,312,850
	Improvement District 3, 2008 Election Series 2011, 0.000%, 8/01/38 –			
	AGM Insured			
78,205	Total Tax Obligation/General			37,652,141
	Tax Obligation/Limited – 21.9%			
	Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	10/13 at		
1,000	Bonds, Bell Project Area,	100.00	N/R	912,150
	Series 2003, 5.625%, 10/01/33 – RAAI Insured			
	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds,	No Opt.		
3,070	Department of Corrections,	Call	A2	3,407,332
	Calipatria State Prison, Series 1991A, 6.500%, 9/01/17 – NPFQ Insured			
	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds,	6/14 at		
1,000	Department of Mental Health,	100.00	A2	1,069,190
	Coalinga State Hospital, Series 2004A, 5.500%, 6/01/23			
	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various	11/19 at		
1,500	Capital Projects, Series	100.00	A2	1,790,820
	2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34			
	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California,	9/15 at		
120	Special Tax Bonds, Community	100.00	BBB	122,960
	Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured			
	Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino	9/16 at		
360	Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation	101.00	A-	355,061
	Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured			
	Fontana Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation	10/15 at		
1,000	Revenue Bonds, North Fontana	100.00	A	1,016,890
	Redevelopment Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/32 – AMBAC			
	Insured			
	Fontana, California, Redevelopment Agency, Jurupa Hills	10/12 at		
270	Redevelopment Project, Tax Allocation	100.00	A-	270,653
	Refunding Bonds, 1997 Series A, 5.500%, 10/01/27			
	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	5/17 at		
250	Merged Redevelopment	100.00	BBB+	255,913
	Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC			
	Insured			
	Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities			
	District Special Tax Bonds,			
	Series 2006A:			
		9/16 at		
55	5.000%, 9/01/26	100.00	N/R	56,538
		9/16 at		
130	5.125%, 9/01/36	100.00	N/R	131,572
	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease	9/15 at		
215	Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social	100.00	A1	218,290

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	Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax	8/21 at		
135	Allocation Bonds, National	100.00	A-	158,163
	City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24 Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	9/21 at		
50	Hamilton Field Redevelopment	100.00	A-	56,883
	Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40 Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities	8/12 at		
1,300	District 03-1 of Ladera	101.00	N/R	1,313,481
	Ranch, Series 2004A, 5.625%, 8/15/34 Perris Union High School District Financing Authority, Riverside County, California, Revenue			
	Bonds, Series 2011:			
		9/12 at		
50	6.000%, 9/01/33	103.00	N/R	51,562
		9/12 at		
100	6.125%, 9/01/41	103.00	N/R	103,104
	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	9/18 at		
415	Los Medanos Community	100.00	BBB	447,673
	Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28 Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue	9/21 at		
160	Bonds, Superior Lien Series	100.00	BBB+	173,382
	2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30 Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	9/15 at		
105	Merged Project Area, Series	100.00	A-	105,039
	2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 – SYNCORA GTY Insured Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation	10/21 at		
30	Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project	100.00	A-	33,182
	Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25 Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities,	8/13 at		
130	Series 2003A, 5.000%,	100.00	AA-	132,057
	8/01/25 – AMBAC Insured Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue	No Opt.		
605	Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A,	Call	A1	694,032
	5.400%, 11/01/20 – NPFQ Insured San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, California,	4/22 at		
1,365	Sales Tax Revenue Bonds,	100.00	AAA	1,541,945
	Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42 San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax	2/21 at		
25	Allocation Revenue Bonds,	100.00	A-	28,642
	Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41 San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax			
	Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			
		2/21 at		
25	7.000%, 8/01/33	100.00	BBB	28,530
		2/21 at		
30	7.000%, 8/01/41	100.00	BBB	33,834
	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,	8/17 at		
615	Merged Area Redevelopment	100.00	BBB	603,395

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	Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMG Insured			
	San Mateo County Transit District, California, Sales Tax Revenue	6/15 at		
3,000	Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 6/01/21 – NPMG Insured	100.00	AA	3,355,590
	Santa Clara County Board of Education, California, Certificates of	4/13 at		
1,000	Participation, Series 2002, 5.000%, 4/01/25 – NPMG Insured	100.00	BBB	1,003,160
	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax	4/21 at		
40	Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	100.00	N/R	43,627
	Travis Unified School District, Solano County, California, Certificates	9/16 at		
1,000	of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – FGIC Insured	100.00	N/R	1,007,410
	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation	3/21 at		
360	Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	100.00	BBB+	400,766
	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax	9/21 at		
70	Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32	100.00	A-	78,107
19,580	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 1.2%			21,000,933
	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll	1/13 at		
1,150	Road Revenue Bonds, Series 1995A, 5.000%, 1/01/35	100.00	BBB-	1,150,288
	U.S. Guaranteed – 5.4% (4)			
	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds,	10/12 at		
1,000	University of San Diego, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 10/01/32 (Pre-refunded 10/01/12)	100.00	A2 (4)	1,013,520
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.125%,	2/14 at		
800	2/01/27 (Pre-refunded 2/01/14)	100.00	AAA	861,160
	North Orange County Community College District, California,	8/12 at		
2,000	General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 8/01/22 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) – NPMG Insured	101.00	AA (4)	2,028,520
	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002M, 5.250%,	11/12 at		
1,000	11/01/20 (Pre-refunded 11/01/12) – FGIC Insured	100.00	A+ (4)	1,017,220
	San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo County, California,	12/17 at		
225	Certificates of Participation, Phase 1, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 12/15/30 (Pre-refunded 12/15/17) – AMBAC Insured	100.00	AA- (4)	275,533
5,025	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 6.5%			5,195,953
	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue	11/20 at		
1,000	Bonds, Refunding Series 2011A, 5.500%, 11/01/41	100.00	A1	1,125,420
	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas	No Opt.		
645	Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 11/15/37	Call	A	700,902
	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power	7/13 at		
200	System Revenue Bonds,	100.00	AA-	208,964



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	Series 2003A-2, 5.000%, 7/01/21 – NPMG Insured			
	Merced Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation,	9/16 at		
7,600	Water and Hydroelectric	64.56	A	4,002,312
	Series 2008B, 0.000%, 9/01/23			
	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue	9/15 at		
215	Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%,	100.00	N/R	217,965
	9/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured			
9,660	Total Utilities			6,255,563
	Water and Sewer – 2.4%			
	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater	4/16 at		
150	Revenue Bonds, Series 2006,	100.00	AA–	156,050
	5.000%, 4/01/36 – NPMG Insured			
	Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority,	6/16 at		
250	California, Revenue Bonds, Series	100.00	AA	277,803
	2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – FGIC Insured			
	South Feather Water and Power Agency, California, Water Revenue	4/13 at		
825	Certificates of Participation,	100.00	A	833,671
	Solar Photovoltaic Project, Series 2003, 5.375%, 4/01/24			
	Woodbridge Irrigation District, California, Certificates of	7/13 at		
1,000	Participation, Water Systems	100.00	A+	1,008,490
	Project, Series 2003, 5.625%, 7/01/43			
2,225	Total Water and Sewer			2,276,014
\$ 137,135	Total Investments (cost \$85,703,379) – 99.1%			95,055,963
	Floating Rate Obligations – (1.6)%			(1,540,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.5%			2,424,689
				\$
	Net Assets – 100%			95,940,652

#### 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).

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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	\$ —	\$95,055,963	\$ —	\$95,055,963

\* Refer to the Fund's Portfolio of Investments for industry classifications.

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 June 30, 2012, the cost of investments was \$84,148,284.

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

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$9,713,389
Depreciation	(350,383)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$9,363,006

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
  - (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.  
Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
  - (4) 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.
- N/R Not rated.
- (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 Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

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

Date: August 29, 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: August 29, 2012

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

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