

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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Date of fiscal year end: 2/29

Date of reporting period: 11/30/15

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage  
Municipal Fund 2 (NVX)  
November 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

| Principal<br>Amount (000) | Description (1)  | Optional Call<br>Provisions (2) | Ratings (3) | Value        |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                           | LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 139.5%<br>(99.5% of Total Investments)   |                                 |             |              |
|                           | MUNICIPAL BONDS – 139.5% (99.5% of<br>Total Investments)   |                                 |             |              |
|                           | Consumer Staples – 8.0% (5.7% of Total<br>Investments)   |                                 |             |              |
|                           | California County Tobacco Securitization<br>Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed<br>Bonds,<br>Los Angeles County Securitization<br>Corporation, Series 2006A:                   |                                 |             |              |
| \$ 2,000                  | 5.600%, 6/01/36  | 12/18 at<br>100.00              | B           | \$ 1,981,960 |
| 2,000                     | 5.650%, 6/01/41  | 12/18 at<br>100.00              | B2          | 1,965,540    |
| 255                       | California County Tobacco Securitization<br>Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed<br>Bonds,<br>Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization<br>Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21 | 12/15 at<br>100.00              | BBB+        | 255,003      |
| 1,995                     | California County Tobacco Securitization<br>Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed<br>Bonds,<br>Stanislaus County Tobacco Funding<br>Corporation, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 6/01/33   | 12/15 at<br>100.00              | Baa1        | 1,995,140    |
| 3,770                     | Golden State Tobacco Securitization<br>Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed<br>Bonds, Series 2007A-1:<br>5.000%, 6/01/33                                    | 6/17 at 100.00                  | B           | 3,439,220    |
| 6,040                     | 5.750%, 6/01/47  | 6/17 at 100.00                  | B           | 5,595,939    |
| 3,660                     | Golden State Tobacco Securitization<br>Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement<br>Asset-Backed<br>Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37                                       | 6/22 at 100.00                  | B           | 3,328,148    |

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| 19,720 | Total Consumer Staples  |                    |      | 18,560,950 |
|        | Education and Civic Organizations – 2.8%<br>(2.0% of Total Investments)   |                    |      |            |
|        | ABAG Finance Authority for Non-Profit<br>Corporations, California, Revenue Bonds, The<br>Jackson                      | 7/22 at 100.00     | A1   | 1,974,475  |
| 1,775  | Laboratory, Series 2012, 5.000%, 7/01/37  |                    |      |            |
|        | California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Charter School Revenue Bonds, Rocketship<br>Education                      | 6/22 at 102.00     | N/R  | 627,017    |
| 555    | Multiple Projects, Series 2014A , 7.250%,<br>6/01/43  |                    |      |            |
|        | California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Revenue Bonds, University of La Verne,<br>Series 2010A,<br>6.250%, 6/01/40 | 6/20 at 100.00     | A–   | 2,857,850  |
| 2,500  | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, School Facility<br>Revenue Bonds,                          | 7/21 at 100.00     | BBB– | 956,735    |
| 850    | Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series<br>2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46   |                    |      |            |
| 5,680  | Total Education and Civic Organizations<br>Health Care – 15.8% (11.3% of Total<br>Investments)                        |                    |      | 6,416,077  |
|        | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Sutter<br>Health,                     | 8/25 at 100.00     | AA–  | 649,908    |
| 570    | Refunding Series 2015A, 5.000%, 8/15/43   |                    |      |            |
|        | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lucile Salter<br>Packard                          | 8/24 at 100.00     | AA   | 444,490    |
| 395    | Children’s Hospital, Series 2014A, 5.000%,<br>8/15/43   |                    |      |            |
|        | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health<br>& Services,                  | 10/24 at<br>100.00 | AA   | 494,473    |
| 435    | Series 2014A, 5.000%, 10/01/38  |                    |      |            |
|        | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health<br>& Services,                  | 10/24 at<br>100.00 | AA   | 960,003    |
| 855    | Series 2014B, 5.000%, 10/01/44  |                    |      |            |
|        | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children’s<br>Hospital –                     | 8/21 at 100.00     | AA–  | 997,648    |
| 895    | San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41   |                    |      |            |
|        | California Health Facilities Financing<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health,<br>Series 2007A,                   | 11/16 at<br>100.00 | AA–  | 1,549,335  |
| 1,500  | 5.250%, 11/15/46  |                    |      |            |
| 2,470  | California Municipal Financing Authority,<br>Certificates of Participation, Community                                 | 2/17 at 100.00     | A–   | 2,563,588  |

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|        | Hospitals<br>of Central California, Series 2007, 5.250%,<br>2/01/27  |                    |      |            |
| 1,300  | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,<br>Adventist Health System/West, Series 2015A, 5.000%, 3/01/35     | 3/26 at 100.00     | A    | 1,466,114  |
| 3,200  | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,<br>Kaiser Permanente, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42                | 4/22 at 100.00     | A+   | 3,572,544  |
| 5,245  | California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of<br>Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.250%, 7/01/35 | 1/16 at 100.00     | CCC  | 4,741,900  |
| 425    | California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente<br>System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31           | 8/16 at 100.00     | A+   | 437,045    |
| 1,035  | California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health,<br>Series 2004D, 5.050%, 8/15/38 – AGM Insured        | 8/18 at 100.00     | AA   | 1,100,019  |
| 1,610  | Madera County, California, Certificates of<br>Participation, Children’s Hospital Central<br>California, Series 2010, 5.375%, 3/15/36         | 3/20 at 100.00     | AA–  | 1,789,563  |
| 455    | Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus<br>County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series<br>2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29                             | 11/20 at<br>100.00 | BB   | 477,946    |
| 1,500  | Palomar Pomerado Health Care District,<br>California, Certificates of Participation, Series<br>2009, 6.625%, 11/01/29                        | 11/19 at<br>100.00 | Ba1  | 1,654,920  |
| 4,800  | Palomar Pomerado Health Care District,<br>California, Certificates of Participation, Series<br>2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41                        | 11/20 at<br>100.00 | Ba1  | 5,101,296  |
| 5,785  | Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing<br>Authority, California, Revenue Bonds,<br>Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38    | 7/17 at 100.00     | Baa2 | 5,975,500  |
| 2,250  | San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds,<br>Community Memorial Health System, Series<br>2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41                           | 12/21 at<br>100.00 | BB+  | 2,739,600  |
| 34,725 | Total Health Care<br>Housing/Multifamily – 1.4% (1.0% of Total<br>Investments)   |                    |      | 36,715,892 |
| 1,280  | California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas<br>Projects   | 8/20 at 100.00     | BBB  | 1,437,402  |

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|       | Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45<br>California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas<br>Projects  | 8/22 at 100.00 | BBB | 456,863   |
| 410   |  |                |     |           |
|       | Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47<br>California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas<br>Projects  | 8/22 at 100.00 | A1  | 1,089,328 |
| 940   |  |                |     |           |
|       | Series 2012B, 7.250%, 8/15/47<br>California Municipal Finance Authority,<br>Mobile Home Park Senior Revenue Bonds,<br>Caritas<br>Affordable Housing, Inc. Projects, Series<br>2014A:   |                |     |           |
| 80    | 5.250%, 8/15/39  | 8/24 at 100.00 | BBB | 89,788    |
| 220   | 5.250%, 8/15/49  | 8/24 at 100.00 | BBB | 246,096   |
| 2,930 | Total Housing/Multifamily<br>Housing/Single Family – 3.2% (2.3% of Total<br>Investments)   |                |     | 3,319,477 |
|       | California Housing Finance Agency,<br>California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds,<br>Series 2006M,<br>4.650%, 8/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)   | 2/16 at 100.00 | A   | 5,777,310 |
| 5,775 |  |                |     |           |
|       | California Housing Finance Agency,<br>California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds,<br>Series 2007G,<br>5.050%, 2/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)   | 2/17 at 100.00 | A   | 1,514,347 |
| 1,490 |  |                |     |           |
|       | California Housing Finance Agency, Home<br>Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H,<br>5.750%,<br>8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum<br>Tax)   | 2/16 at 100.00 | A   | 45,788    |
| 45    |  |                |     |           |
| 7,310 | Total Housing/Single Family<br>Industrials – 0.0% (0.0% of Total Investments)  |                |     | 7,337,445 |
|       | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,<br>EnerTech Regional<br>Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%,<br>12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (4)<br>Tax Obligation/General – 32.8% (23.4% of<br>Total Investments) | No Opt. Call   | N/R | 10,001    |
| 3,175 |  |                |     |           |
|       | Alhambra Unified School District, Los<br>Angeles County, California, General<br>Obligation Bonds,<br>Refunding Series 2012A, 5.000%, 8/01/29 –<br>AGM Insured  | 8/22 at 100.00 | Aa3 | 1,511,549 |
| 1,300 |  |                |     |           |
|       | California State, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Various Purpose Refunding Series 2014,<br>5.000%, 8/01/31<br>California State, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Various Purpose Refunding Series 2015:  | 8/24 at 100.00 | AA– | 4,683,120 |
| 4,000 |  |                |     |           |

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| 675    | 5.000%, 8/01/32   | 2/25 at 100.00                       | AA- | 793,139    |
| 2,000  | 5.000%, 8/01/34   | 8/25 at 100.00                       | AA- | 2,350,020  |
| 13,850 | California State, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 4/01/38   | 4/19 at 100.00                       | AA- | 16,146,189 |
| 2,000  | California State, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Various Purpose Series 2010:<br>6.000%, 3/01/33  | 3/20 at 100.00<br>11/20 at<br>100.00 | AA- | 2,402,340  |
| 1,000  | 5.250%, 11/01/40<br>California State, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Various Purpose Series 2011:   |                                      | AA- | 1,166,330  |
| 4,850  | 5.250%, 10/01/28  | No Opt. Call                         | AA- | 5,758,163  |
| 2,300  | 5.000%, 9/01/41   | 9/21 at 100.00                       | AA- | 2,591,778  |
| 2,190  | 5.000%, 10/01/41<br>California State, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Various Purpose Series 2013:   | 10/21 at<br>100.00                   | AA- | 2,471,568  |
| 2,500  | 5.000%, 2/01/43   | No Opt. Call<br>11/23 at<br>100.00   | AA- | 2,834,075  |
| 2,240  | 5.000%, 11/01/43<br>California State, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Various Purpose Series 2014:   |                                      | AA- | 2,567,264  |
| 2,000  | 5.000%, 5/01/32   | 5/24 at 100.00<br>10/24 at<br>100.00 | AA- | 2,324,700  |
| 1,815  | 5.000%, 10/01/44<br>Desert Community College District, Riverside<br>County, California, General Obligation Bonds,<br>Election 2004 Series 2007C, 0.000%, 8/01/46 –<br>AGM Insured |                                      | AA- | 2,076,669  |
| 32,730 | Los Angeles Unified School District, Los<br>Angeles County, California, General<br>Obligation Bonds,<br>Series 2009D, 5.000%, 7/01/27   | No Opt. Call                         | AA  | 6,598,041  |
| 1,285  | Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General<br>Obligation Bonds, Capital Appreciation,<br>Election<br>of 2004, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/32 –<br>NPFPG Insured                  | 7/19 at 100.00                       | Aa2 | 1,457,653  |
| 1,265  | Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General<br>Obligation Bonds, Convertible Capital<br>Appreciation, Election 2004 Series 2010A,<br>0.000%, 8/01/35                             | 8/17 at 100.00                       | AA- | 1,332,652  |
| 10,330 | Paramount Unified School District, Los<br>Angeles County, California, General<br>Obligation Bonds,<br>Election 2006 Series 2011, 0.000%, 8/01/45                                  | No Opt. Call                         | A+  | 4,268,046  |
| 2,000  | Puerto Rico, General Obligation Bonds, Public<br>Improvement Series 2002A, 5.500%, 7/01/20 –<br>NPFPG Insured   |                                      | A+  | 1,722,260  |
| 2,000  | San Joaquin Delta Community College<br>District, California, General Obligation Bonds,  | No Opt. Call                         | AA- | 2,038,380  |
| 1,425  |   | 8/25 at 100.00                       | Aa2 | 1,680,973  |

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|         | Refunding                                       |                |     |            |
|         | Series 2015A, 5.000%, 8/01/32                   |                |     |            |
|         | San Marcos Unified School District, San         |                |     |            |
|         | Diego County, California, General Obligation    |                |     |            |
| 21,000  | Bonds,  | No Opt. Call   | AA- | 4,426,170  |
|         | 2010 Election, Series 2012B, 0.000%, 8/01/51    |                |     |            |
|         | Southwestern Community College District,        |                |     |            |
|         | San Diego County, California, General           |                |     |            |
| 1,000   | Obligation                                      | 8/21 at 100.00 | Aa2 | 1,135,430  |
|         | Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C,          |                |     |            |
|         | 5.250%, 8/01/36                                 |                |     |            |
|         | Yuba Community College District, California,    |                |     |            |
|         | General Obligation Bonds, Election 2006         |                |     |            |
| 1,600   | Series  | 8/21 at 100.00 | Aa2 | 1,867,744  |
|         | 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/47                          |                |     |            |
| 117,355 | Total Tax Obligation/General                    |                |     | 76,204,253 |
|         | Tax Obligation/Limited – 27.1% (19.3% of        |                |     |            |
|         | Total Investments)                              |                |     |            |
|         | California State Public Works Board, Lease      |                |     |            |
|         | Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections &      |                |     |            |
|         | Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities |                |     |            |
| 7,000   | Series 2013F, 5.250%, 9/01/31                   | 9/23 at 100.00 | A+  | 8,316,209  |
|         | California State Public Works Board, Lease      |                |     |            |
|         | Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections &      |                |     |            |
|         | Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities |                |     |            |
| 3,525   | Series 2014A, 5.000%, 9/01/39                   | 9/24 at 100.00 | A+  | 4,034,821  |
|         | California State Public Works Board, Lease      |                |     |            |
|         | Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects,        |                |     |            |
|         | Series  | 11/22 at       |     |            |
| 3,770   | 2012G, 5.000%, 11/01/37                         | 100.00         | A+  | 4,290,901  |
|         | California State Public Works Board, Lease      |                |     |            |
|         | Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects,        |                |     |            |
|         | Series  |                |     |            |
| 4,520   | 2014E, 5.000%, 9/01/39                          | 9/24 at 100.00 | A+  | 5,173,728  |
|         | Fontana Redevelopment Agency, San               |                |     |            |
|         | Bernardino County, California, Tax Allocation   |                |     |            |
|         | Bonds,  |                |     |            |
| 960     | Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project,             | 4/16 at 100.00 | A   | 969,715    |
|         | Refunding Series 1997A, 5.500%, 10/01/27        |                |     |            |
|         | Golden State Tobacco Securitization             |                |     |            |
|         | Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco       |                |     |            |
|         | Settlement                                      |                |     |            |
| 10,000  | Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A,       | 6/25 at 100.00 | A+  | 11,220,899 |
|         | 5.000%, 6/01/45                                 |                |     |            |
|         | Hawthorne Community Redevelopment               |                |     |            |
|         | Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds,       |                |     |            |
|         | Project Area 2,                                 |                |     |            |
| 1,785   | Series 2006, 5.250%, 9/01/36 – SYNCORA          | 9/16 at 100.00 | N/R | 1,813,792  |
|         | GTY Insured                                     |                |     |            |
|         | Hesperia Unified School District, San           |                |     |            |
| 1,800   | Bernardino County, California, Certificates of  | 2/17 at 100.00 | A-  | 1,871,334  |



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|       | Participation,<br>Capital Improvement, Series 2007, 5.000%,<br>2/01/41 – AMBAC Insured<br>Hesperia Unified School District, San<br>Bernardino County, California, Certificates of<br>Participation, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 2/01/38 –<br>BAM Insured | 2/23 at 100.00 | AA   | 1,633,560 |
| 1,500 | Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment<br>Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1,<br>5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured  | 5/17 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 894,395   |
| 870   | Irvine Unified School District, California,<br>Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities<br>District<br>Series 2006A:<br>5.000%, 9/01/26   | 9/16 at 100.00 | N/R  | 208,579   |
| 205   | 5.125%, 9/01/36  | 9/16 at 100.00 | N/R  | 477,515   |
| 470   | Lake Elsinore Public Financing Authority,<br>California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds,<br>Refunding<br>Series 2015, 5.000%, 9/01/40  | 9/25 at 100.00 | N/R  | 1,069,470 |
| 1,000 | Lammersville School District, San Joaquin<br>County, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Community<br>Facilities District 2002 Mountain House,<br>Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35   | 9/16 at 100.00 | N/R  | 422,391   |
| 415   | Los Angeles Community Redevelopment<br>Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds,<br>Manchester<br>Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%,<br>9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured  | 3/16 at 100.00 | A1   | 801,368   |
| 800   | Los Angeles County Public Works Financing<br>Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds,<br>Multiple<br>Capital Facilities Project II, Series 2012,<br>5.000%, 8/01/42   | No Opt. Call   | AA   | 1,523,948 |
| 1,350 | Lynwood Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Project A Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien<br>Series<br>2011A, 7.000%, 9/01/31   | 9/21 at 100.00 | A–   | 931,575   |
| 750   | National City Community Development<br>Commission, California, Tax Allocation<br>Bonds, National<br>City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011,<br>6.500%, 8/01/24  | 8/21 at 100.00 | A–   | 591,708   |
| 475   | Novato Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field<br>Redevelopment<br>Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40   | 9/21 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 211,587   |
| 175   | Patterson Public Finance Authority, California,<br>Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District  | 9/23 at 100.00 | N/R  | 210,231   |
| 195   |  |                |      |           |

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|       | 2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B ,<br>5.875%, 9/01/39<br>Patterson Public Financing Authority,<br>California, Revenue Bonds, Community<br>Facilities District   |                    |      |           |
| 1,195 | 2001-1, Senior Series 2013A:<br>5.250%, 9/01/30  | 9/23 at 100.00     | N/R  | 1,288,688 |
| 1,080 | 5.750%, 9/01/39  | 9/23 at 100.00     | N/R  | 1,172,102 |
| 3,085 | Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California,<br>Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos<br>Community<br>Development Project, Refunding Series<br>2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28   | 9/18 at 100.00     | BBB- | 3,364,655 |
| 6,275 | Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation,<br>Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A,<br>0.000%,<br>8/01/45 – NPMG Insured  | No Opt. Call       | AA-  | 933,846   |
| 550   | Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority,<br>California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien<br>Series<br>2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30   | 9/21 at 100.00     | BBB+ | 625,603   |
| 100   | Riverside County Redevelopment Agency,<br>California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa<br>Valley Project<br>Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25   | 10/21 at<br>100.00 | A    | 122,827   |
| 225   | Roseville, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Community Facilities District 1 Westpark,<br>Refunding<br>Series 2015, 5.000%, 9/01/37  | 9/25 at 100.00     | N/R  | 241,130   |
| 1,000 | San Buenaventura Redevelopment Agency,<br>California, Merged Project Areas Tax<br>Allocation Bonds,<br>Series 2008:<br>7.750%, 8/01/28   | 8/16 at 102.00     | A    | 1,062,470 |
| 1,325 | 8.000%, 8/01/38  | 8/16 at 102.00     | A    | 1,409,204 |
| 60    | San Clemente, California, Special Tax<br>Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District<br>2006-1<br>Marblehead Coastal, Series 2015, 5.000%,<br>9/01/40 (WI/DD, Settling 12/03/15)  | 9/25 at 100.00     | N/R  | 64,415    |
| 990   | San Diego, California, Special Tax Bonds,<br>Community Facilities District 4 Black<br>Mountain Ranch<br>Villages, Series 2008A, 6.000%, 9/01/37  | 3/16 at 100.00     | N/R  | 1,024,977 |
| 210   | San Francisco City and County<br>Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency,<br>California, Special Tax<br>Bonds, Community Facilities District 7,<br>Hunters Point Shipyard Phase One<br>Improvements,<br>Refunding Series 2014, 5.000%, 8/01/39 | No Opt. Call       | N/R  | 222,625   |

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| 80     | San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,<br>Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41              | 2/21 at 100.00 | A-   | 96,636     |
| 85     | San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,<br>Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:<br>7.000%, 8/01/33         | 2/21 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 102,190    |
| 105    | 7.000%, 8/01/41   | 2/21 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 126,235    |
| 995    | San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 2006D, 5.000%, 8/01/23 – AMBAC Insured                     | 8/17 at 100.00 | BBB+ | 1,050,680  |
| 1,100  | San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C:<br>5.000%, 8/01/24 – NPMG Insured                             | 8/17 at 100.00 | AA-  | 1,168,321  |
| 765    | 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMG Insured  | 8/17 at 100.00 | AA-  | 810,938    |
| 140    | Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011,<br>7.000%, 10/01/26  | 4/21 at 100.00 | N/R  | 158,144    |
| 930    | Temecula Public Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 03-02 Roripaugh, Series 2006,<br>5.500%, 9/01/36                              | 3/16 at 100.00 | N/R  | 930,391    |
| 240    | Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,<br>Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32 | 9/21 at 100.00 | A-   | 291,703    |
| 62,100 | Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 15.5% (11.1% of Total Investments)  |                |      | 62,935,506 |
| 2,000  | Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2013S-4, 5.250%, 4/01/48   | 4/23 at 100.00 | AA-  | 2,279,160  |
| 2,240  | Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43                                       | 1/24 at 100.00 | BB+  | 2,653,235  |
|        | Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds,   |                |      |            |

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|        | Refunding Series 2013A:  |                |         |            |
| 4,940  | 5.750%, 1/15/46  | 1/24 at 100.00 | BBB-    | 5,738,897  |
| 4,935  | 6.000%, 1/15/53  | 1/24 at 100.00 | BBB-    | 5,762,698  |
|        | Los Angeles Department of Airports,<br>California, Revenue Bonds, Los Angeles<br>International<br>Airport, Senior Lien Series 2015D: |                |         |            |
| 870    | 5.000%, 5/15/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  | 5/25 at 100.00 | AA      | 1,008,469  |
| 3,810  | 5.000%, 5/15/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  | 5/25 at 100.00 | AA      | 4,365,841  |
| 1,000  | 5.000%, 5/15/36 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  | 5/25 at 100.00 | AA      | 1,136,270  |
|        | Los Angeles Harbors Department, California,<br>Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2014B,<br>5.000%, 8/01/44                             |                |         |            |
| 4,000  |  | 8/24 at 100.00 | AA      | 4,560,680  |
|        | Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds,<br>Refunding Series 2012P:   |                |         |            |
| 1,545  | 5.000%, 5/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  | No Opt. Call   | A+      | 1,755,074  |
| 1,000  | 5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)  | No Opt. Call   | A+      | 1,127,170  |
|        | Riverside County Transportation Commission,<br>California, Toll Revenue Senior Lien Bonds,<br>Series                                 |                |         |            |
| 1,000  |  | 6/23 at 100.00 | BBB-    | 1,139,560  |
|        | 2013A, 5.750%, 6/01/44<br>San Diego County Regional Airport Authority,<br>California, Airport Revenue Bonds, Senior<br>Series        |                |         |            |
| 4,000  |  | 7/23 at 100.00 | A+      | 4,393,800  |
|        | 2013B, 5.000%, 7/01/43 (Alternative<br>Minimum Tax)  |                |         |            |
| 31,340 |  |                |         | 35,920,854 |
|        | Total Transportation<br>U.S. Guaranteed – 9.4% (6.7% of Total<br>Investments) (5)  |                |         |            |
|        | Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue<br>Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge,<br>Series                                 |                |         |            |
| 1,930  |  | 4/16 at 100.00 | AA (5)  | 1,961,131  |
|        | 2006F, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (Pre-refunded<br>4/01/16) (UB)  |                |         |            |
|        | Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue<br>Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge,<br>Tender                                 |                |         |            |
| 1,430  |  | 4/18 at 100.00 | AA (5)  | 1,965,220  |
|        | Option Bond Trust 3211, 13.558%, 10/01/32<br>(Pre-refunded 4/01/18) (IF)   |                |         |            |
|        | California Municipal Financing Authority,<br>Certificates of Participation, Community<br>Hospitals                                   |                |         |            |
| 1,745  |  | 2/17 at 100.00 | N/R (5) | 1,839,928  |
|        | of Central California, Series 2007, 5.250%,<br>2/01/27 (Pre-refunded 2/01/17)  |                |         |            |
|        | California State Public Works Board, Lease<br>Revenue Bonds, University of California<br>Regents,                                    |                |         |            |
| 2,945  |  | 3/18 at 100.00 | Aaa     | 3,493,712  |
|        | Tender Option Bond Trust 1065, 9.404%,<br>3/01/33 (Pre-refunded 3/01/18) (IF)  |                |         |            |
| 2,225  |  | 7/17 at 100.00 | AA+ (5) | 2,386,023  |
|        | California Statewide Communities<br>Development Authority, Revenue Bonds,  |                |         |            |

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|        | ValleyCare Health<br>System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31<br>(Pre-refunded 7/15/17)<br>Castaic Lake Water Agency, California,<br>Certificates of Participation, Series 2006C,<br>5.000%,<br>8/01/36 (Pre-refunded 8/01/16) – NPFG Insured | 8/16 at 100.00     | AA– (5) | 1,444,086  |
| 1,400  | Healdsburg Public Financing Authority,<br>California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series<br>2006,<br>5.000%, 4/01/36 (Pre-refunded 4/01/16) –<br>NPFG Insured  | 4/16 at 100.00     | AA (5)  | 553,764    |
| 545    | Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority,<br>California, Mobile Home Park Revenue<br>Bonds, San<br>Juan Mobile Estates, Series 2006B, 5.850%,<br>5/15/41 (Pre-refunded 5/15/16)  | 5/16 at 100.00     | N/R (5) | 210,244    |
| 205    | Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue<br>Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical<br>Center, Series<br>2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38 (Pre-refunded<br>12/01/17)   | 12/17 at<br>100.00 | BB+ (5) | 2,299,640  |
| 2,000  | Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation,<br>Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series<br>2002E,<br>6.000%, 8/01/26 (ETM)   | No Opt. Call       | CC (5)  | 2,672,820  |
| 2,000  | Sacramento County Sanitation Districts<br>Financing Authority, California, Revenue<br>Bonds, Series<br>2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 (Pre-refunded<br>6/01/16) – FGIC Insured   | 6/16 at 100.00     | AA (5)  | 767,903    |
| 750    | San Mateo Union High School District, San<br>Mateo County, California, Certificates of<br>Participation,<br>Phase 1, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 12/15/30<br>(Pre-refunded 12/15/17) – AMBAC Insured   | 12/17 at<br>100.00 | N/R (5) | 896,808    |
| 825    | University of California, Limited Project<br>Revenue Bonds, Series 2007D, 5.000%,<br>5/15/41<br>(Pre-refunded 5/15/16) – FGIC Insured  | 5/16 at 101.00     | AA– (5) | 1,356,409  |
| 1,315  | Total U.S. Guaranteed<br>Utilities – 10.8% (7.7% of Total Investments)   |                    |         | 21,847,688 |
| 19,315 | Long Beach Bond Finance Authority,<br>California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue<br>Bonds, Series<br>2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35   | No Opt. Call       | A       | 2,708,344  |
| 2,355  | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,<br>California, Power System Revenue Bonds,<br>Series<br>2012B, 5.000%, 7/01/43  | 7/22 at 100.00     | AA–     | 15,886,639 |
| 14,000 |  | 7/24 at 100.00     | AA–     | 1,725,570  |
| 1,500  |  |                    |         |            |

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|                           | Southern California Public Power Authority,<br>California, Revenue Bonds, Apex Power<br>Project<br>Series 2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/38  |                                 |             |              |
| 4,000                     | Natural Gas Project 1 Revenue Bonds, Series<br>2007A,<br>5.000%, 11/01/33   | No Opt. Call                    | A           | 4,636,640    |
| 21,855                    | Total Utilities<br>Water and Sewer – 12.7% (9.0% of Total<br>Investments)   |                                 |             | 24,957,193   |
| 5,240                     | California Pollution Control Financing<br>Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds,<br>Poseidon<br>Resources Channelside LP Desalination<br>Project, Series 2012, 5.000%, 11/21/45<br>(Alternative<br>Minimum Tax) | No Opt. Call                    | Baa3        | 5,554,610    |
| 1,400                     | East Bay Municipal Utility District, Alameda<br>and Contra Costa Counties, California, Water<br>System Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series<br>2015A, 5.000%, 6/01/31  | 6/25 at 100.00                  | AAA         | 1,690,472    |
| 4,265                     | Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority,<br>California, Revenue Bonds, Water System<br>Financing,<br>Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41  | 3/22 at 100.00                  | AA–         | 4,811,048    |
| 7,890                     | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,<br>California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series<br>2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/44  | 7/24 at 100.00                  | AA          | 9,063,558    |
| 1,160                     | Metropolitan Water District of Southern<br>California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds,<br>Tender Option<br>Bond Trust 09-8B, 17.633%, 7/01/35 (IF) (6)  | 7/19 at 100.00                  | AAA         | 1,751,832    |
| 5,825                     | Sacramento, California, Wastewater Revenue<br>Bonds, Series 2013, 5.000%, 9/01/42   | 9/23 at 100.00                  | AA          | 6,535,302    |
| 25,780                    | Total Water and Sewer   |                                 |             | 29,406,822   |
| \$ 351,285                | Total Long-Term Investments (cost<br>\$298,432,660)   |                                 |             | 323,632,158  |
| Principal<br>Amount (000) | Description (1)   | Optional Call<br>Provisions (2) | Ratings (3) | Value        |
|                           | SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS – 0.7% (0.5%<br>of Total Investments)  |                                 |             |              |
|                           | MUNICIPAL BONDS – 0.7% (0.5% of Total<br>Investments)   |                                 |             |              |
|                           | Health Care – 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)<br>California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of<br>Charity   | No Opt. Call                    | N/R         | \$ 1,321,042 |

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|          | Health System, Series 2014A, 6.000%,<br>12/15/15 (7)  |              |     |                |
| 125      | California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of<br>Charity | No Opt. Call | N/R | 125,099        |
|          | Health System, Series 2014B, 6.000%,<br>12/15/15 (7)  |              |     |                |
| 200      | California Statewide Community Development<br>Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of<br>Charity | No Opt. Call | N/R | 200,158        |
|          | Health System, Series 2014C, 6.000%,<br>12/15/15 (7)  |              |     |                |
| \$ 1,645 | Total Short-Term Investments (cost<br>\$1,645,000)  |              |     | 1,646,299      |
|          | Total Investments (cost \$300,077,660) –<br>140.2%  |              |     | 325,278,457    |
|          | Floating Rate Obligations – (0.4)%  |              |     | (965,000)      |
|          | Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at<br>Liquidation Value – (42.2)% (8)                    |              |     | (98,000,000)   |
|          | Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.4%  |              |     | 5,720,413      |
|          | Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares –<br>100%  |              |     | \$ 232,033,870 |

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## 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         | \$ —    | \$323,632,158 | \$ —        | \$323,632,158 |
| Short-Term Investments: |         |               |             |               |
| Municipal Bonds         | —       | —             | 1,646,299   | 1,646,299     |
| Total                   | \$ —    | \$323,632,158 | \$1,646,299 | \$325,278,457 |

## 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 November 30, 2015, the cost of investments was \$299,269,863.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of November 30, 2015, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:



|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Appreciation  | \$29,108,534 |
| Depreciation  | (4,064,940)  |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$25,043,594 |

- (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.  
As of, or subsequent to, the end of the reporting period this security is non-income producing.
  - (4) 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 ceased accruing additional income on the Fund's records.  
Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
  - (5) 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 transactions.
  - (7) Investment valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by, or at the discretion of, the Board. For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, investment classified as Level 3.  
Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is
  - (8) 30.1%.
- ETM Escrowed to maturity.
- (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.
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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 /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
and Title)  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date: January 29, 2016

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

Date: January 29, 2016

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

Date: January 29, 2016