

## NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND

Form 3

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**FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*Â BANK OF AMERICA CORP  
/DE/

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BANK OF AMERICA  
CORPORATE CENTER,Â 100  
N TRYON ST

(Street)

CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/20083. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading SymbolNUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE  
MUNICIPAL FUND [NAC]4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☒ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer ☐ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☐ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
☒ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Auction Rate Preferred

803 <sup>(1)</sup>

I By Subsidiary

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security4. Conversion  
or Exercise5. Ownership  
Form of6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Derivative                                                  |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     |                    |                     |                                  |                                    | Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/<br>BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER<br>100 N TRYON ST<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |
| Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C.<br>214 NORTH TRYON STREET<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28255                        | Â             | Â X       | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

Bank of America Corporation, /s/ Charles F. Bowman, Senior Vice President

01/12/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C., /s/ Kevin G. Finnegan, Vice President

01/12/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The Auction Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table I represent 803 Shares beneficially owned by Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C. ("Blue Ridge"). Blue Ridge is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation ("Bank of America").

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### Remarks:

The 803 Shares reported herein represent Bank of America's combined holdings in multiple series of securities of the issuer, which are treated herein as one class of securities in accordance with the -- Global Exemptive Relief no-action letter issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Bank of America undertakes to provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder information regarding the number of equity securities of the issuer purchased or sold at each different all transactions in such securities that occurred after Bank of America became a 10% owner but before this filing.

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