

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 2

Form N-Q

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-10197

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

Nuveen Investments  
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Date of fiscal year end: 2/29

Date of reporting period: 5/31/16

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments

Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NVX)  
May 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 138.0% (100.0% of Total Investments)			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 138.0% (100.0% of Total Investments)			
	Consumer Staples – 9.1% (6.6% 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	B	\$ 2,029,520
2,000	5.650%, 6/01/41	12/18 at 100.00	B2	2,029,500
220	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	8/16 at 100.00	BBB+	220,070
1,595	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Stanislaus County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 6/01/33	8/16 at 100.00	Baa1	1,606,659
	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1:			
3,770	5.000%, 6/01/33	6/17 at 100.00	B–	3,794,731
6,040	5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	B–	6,110,004
6,160	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–	6,264,350
21,785	Total Consumer Staples Education and Civic Organizations – 2.7% (2.0% of Total Investments)			22,054,834
1,775	ABAG Finance Authority for Non-Profit Corporations, California, Revenue Bonds, The Jackson Laboratory, Series 2012, 5.000%, 7/01/37	7/22 at 100.00	A1	2,019,648
555			N/R	651,637

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	California Municipal Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Rocketship Education Multiple Projects, Series 2014A , 7.250%, 6/01/43	6/22 at 102.00		
2,500	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of La Verne, Series 2010A, 6.250%, 6/01/40	6/20 at 100.00	A-	2,912,175
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-	988,899
5,680	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 16.7% (12.1% of Total Investments)			6,572,359
570	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Refunding Series 2015A, 5.000%, 8/15/43	8/25 at 100.00	AA-	674,162
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	462,403
435	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 10/01/38	10/24 at 100.00	AA	513,465
855	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2014B, 5.000%, 10/01/44	10/24 at 100.00	AA	1,000,145
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	Aa3	1,016,980
1,500	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/15/46	11/16 at 100.00	AA-	1,533,015
2,470	California Municipal Financing Authority, Certificates of Participation, Community Hospitals of Central California, Series 2007, 5.250%, 2/01/27	2/17 at 100.00	A-	2,531,503
2,000	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2014A, 5.250%, 12/01/44	12/24 at 100.00	BB+	2,246,040
600	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2016A, 5.250%, 12/01/56	6/26 at 100.00	BB	677,148
1,300	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2015A, 5.000%, 3/01/35	3/26 at 100.00	A	1,566,513
3,200	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	AA-	3,694,528
5,245	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity Health System, Series 2005A, 5.500%, 7/01/35 (4)	8/16 at 100.00	CCC	5,252,133
425	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	AA-	427,950

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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	1,101,364
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	AA–	1,804,762
455	Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 6.500%, 11/01/29	11/20 at 100.00	BB	481,727
1,500	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2009, 6.625%, 11/01/29	11/19 at 100.00	Ba1	1,673,475
4,800	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Ba1	5,136,816
5,785	Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical Center, Refunding Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38	7/17 at 100.00	Baa2	5,975,327
2,250	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB+	2,782,350
37,325	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 1.4% (1.0% of Total Investments)			40,551,806
1,280	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	1,425,498
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	466,473
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	1,099,574
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Senior Revenue Bonds, Caritas Affordable Housing, Inc. Projects, Series 2014A:			
80	5.250%, 8/15/39	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	91,315
220	5.250%, 8/15/49	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	250,151
2,930	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 3.0% (2.2% of Total Investments)			3,333,011
5,775	California Housing Finance Agency, California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006M, 4.650%, 8/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	8/16 at 100.00	A	5,778,581
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	1,508,863
7,265	Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.0% (0.0% of Total Investments)			7,287,444
3,175	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional	No Opt. Call	N/R	9,366

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	Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (5)			
	Tax Obligation/General – 32.7% (23.7% of Total Investments)			
1,300	Alhambra Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds,	8/22 at 100.00	Aa2	1,573,052
4,000	Refunding Series 2012A, 5.000%, 8/01/29 – AGM Insured California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Refunding Series 2014, 5.000%, 8/01/31	8/24 at 100.00	AA–	4,930,400
675	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Refunding Series 2015: 5.000%, 8/01/32	2/25 at 100.00	AA–	822,778
2,000	5.000%, 8/01/34	8/25 at 100.00	AA–	2,445,800
13,850	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 6.000%, 4/01/38	4/19 at 100.00	AA–	15,817,254
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2010:			
2,000	6.000%, 3/01/33	3/20 at 100.00	AA–	2,372,000
1,000	5.250%, 11/01/40	11/20 at 100.00	AA–	1,181,270
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011:			
4,850	5.250%, 10/01/28	No Opt. Call	AA–	5,831,155
2,300	5.000%, 9/01/41	9/21 at 100.00	AA–	2,692,219
2,190	5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	AA–	2,569,155
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2013:			
2,500	5.000%, 2/01/43	No Opt. Call	AA–	2,945,350
2,240	5.000%, 11/01/43	11/23 at 100.00	AA–	2,680,541
	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2014:			
2,000	5.000%, 5/01/32	5/24 at 100.00	AA–	2,443,800
1,815	5.000%, 10/01/44	10/24 at 100.00	AA–	2,183,118
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	6,680,193
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	1,441,719
1,265	Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Capital Appreciation, Election of 2004, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/32 – NCFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA–	1,318,927
10,330		No Opt. Call	A+	4,913,258

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	Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Convertible Capital			
	Appreciation, Election 2004 Series 2010A, 0.000%, 8/01/35			
2,000	Paramount Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2006 Series 2011, 0.000%, 8/01/45	No Opt. Call	A+	1,889,900
2,000	Puerto Rico, General Obligation Bonds, Public Improvement Series 2002A, 5.500%, 7/01/20 – NPFQ Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	2,114,620
1,425	San Joaquin Delta Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series 2015A, 5.000%, 8/01/32	8/25 at 100.00	Aa2	1,758,550
21,000	San Marcos Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, 2010 Election, Series 2012B, 0.000%, 8/01/51	No Opt. Call	AA–	5,506,410
1,000	Southwestern Community College District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008, Series 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/36	8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	1,169,640
1,600	Yuba Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2006 Series 2011C, 5.250%, 8/01/47	8/21 at 100.00	Aa2	1,876,608
117,355	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 24.6% (17.8% of Total Investments)			79,157,717
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	A+	8,618,330
3,525	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities Series 2014A, 5.000%, 9/01/39	9/24 at 100.00	A+	4,207,123
3,770	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2012G, 5.000%, 11/01/37	11/22 at 100.00	A+	4,425,528
4,520	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2014E, 5.000%, 9/01/39	9/24 at 100.00	A+	5,394,665
960	Fontana Redevelopment Agency, San Bernardino County, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Hills Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 1997A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	10/16 at 100.00	A	975,149
10,000	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2015A, 5.000%, 6/01/45	6/25 at 100.00	A+	11,826,800
2,000	Government of Guam, Business Privilege Tax Bonds, Refunding Series 2015D, 5.000%, 11/15/28	11/25 at 100.00	A	2,390,360
1,500	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	1,726,920
870			BBB+	891,811

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	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		
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	206,878
470	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	473,624
1,000	Lake Elsinore Public Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2015, 5.000%, 9/01/40	9/25 at 100.00	N/R	1,119,560
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	417,805
800	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Vermont Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	8/16 at 100.00	A1	802,728
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	1,582,983
750	Lynwood Redevelopment Agency, California, Project A Revenue Bonds, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 7.000%, 9/01/31	9/21 at 100.00	A–	935,408
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	595,707
175	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	212,651
195	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B , 5.875%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	217,714
	Patterson Public Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Senior Series 2013A:			
1,190	5.250%, 9/01/30	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	1,331,955
1,075	5.750%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	1,208,375
6,275	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 0.000%, 8/01/45 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	975,449
550	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30	9/21 at 100.00	A–	643,808
100			A	123,810



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	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25	10/21 at 100.00		
225	Roseville, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 1 Westpark, Refunding Series 2015, 5.000%, 9/01/37	9/25 at 100.00	N/R	257,582
1,000	San Buenaventura Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Project Areas Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2008: 7.750%, 8/01/28	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,031,790
1,325	8.000%, 8/01/38	8/16 at 102.00	A	1,366,592
60	San Clemente, California, Special Tax Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2006-1 Marblehead Coastal, Series 2015, 5.000%, 9/01/40	9/25 at 100.00	N/R	68,447
990	San Diego, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 4 Black Mountain Ranch Villages, Series 2008A, 6.000%, 9/01/37	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	1,016,819
210	San Francisco City and County Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 7, Hunters Point Shipyard Phase One Improvements, Refunding Series 2014, 5.000%, 8/01/39	No Opt. Call	N/R	231,949
995	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 2006D, 5.000%, 8/01/23 – AMBAC Insured San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C:	8/17 at 100.00	BBB+	1,036,770
1,100	5.000%, 8/01/24 – NPFPG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA-	1,153,273
765	5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPFPG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA-	801,498
140	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	167,415
930	Temecula Public Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 03-02 Roripaugh, Series 2006, 5.500%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	930,781
240	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32	9/21 at 100.00	A-	293,381
57,150	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 15.2% (11.0% of Total Investments)			59,661,438
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-	2,373,820
2,240	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds,	1/24 at 100.00	BB+	2,691,875

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	Refunding Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43 Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2013A:			
4,940	5.750%, 1/15/46	1/24 at 100.00	BBB-	5,829,793
4,935	6.000%, 1/15/53	1/24 at 100.00	BBB-	5,851,874
	Los Angeles Department of Airports, California, Revenue Bonds, Los Angeles International Airport, Senior Lien Series 2015D:			
870	5.000%, 5/15/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/25 at 100.00	AA	1,045,862
3,810	5.000%, 5/15/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/25 at 100.00	AA	4,539,653
1,000	5.000%, 5/15/36 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/25 at 100.00	AA	1,181,000
4,000	Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2014B, 5.000%, 8/01/44 Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2012P:	8/24 at 100.00	AA	4,763,720
1,545	5.000%, 5/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	1,800,219
1,000	5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	1,152,130
1,000	Riverside County Transportation Commission, California, Toll Revenue Senior Lien Bonds, Series 2013A, 5.750%, 6/01/44	6/23 at 100.00	BBB-	1,175,230
4,000	San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, California, Airport Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2013B, 5.000%, 7/01/43 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/23 at 100.00	A+	4,517,880
31,340	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 9.9% (7.2% of Total Investments) (6)			36,923,056
1,430	Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Tender Option Bond Trust 3211, 12.798%, 10/01/32 (Pre-refunded 4/01/18) (IF)	4/18 at 100.00	AA (6)	1,893,220
1,745	California Municipal Financing Authority, Certificates of Participation, Community Hospitals of Central California, Series 2007, 5.250%, 2/01/27 (Pre-refunded 2/01/17)	2/17 at 100.00	N/R (6)	1,799,601
2,945	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Tender Option Bond Trust 2016-XG0003, 8.861%, 3/01/33 (Pre-refunded 3/01/18) (IF) (7)	3/18 at 100.00	Aaa	3,390,637
2,225	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A, 5.125%, 7/15/31 (Pre-refunded 7/15/17)	7/17 at 100.00	AA+ (6)	2,337,763
1,400	Castaic Lake Water Agency, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/36 (Pre-refunded 8/01/16) – NPMF Insured	8/16 at 100.00	AA (6)	1,410,514
1,785			N/R (6)	1,806,206

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	Hawthorne Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Area 2, Series 2006, 5.250%, 9/01/36 (Pre-refunded 9/01/16) – SYNCORA GTY Insured	9/16 at 100.00		
1,800	Hesperia Unified School District, San Bernardino County, California, Certificates of Participation, Capital Improvement, Series 2007, 5.000%, 2/01/41 (Pre-refunded 2/01/17) – AMBAC Insured	2/17 at 100.00	A (6)	1,853,586
2,000	Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38 (Pre-refunded 12/01/17)	12/17 at 100.00	BB (6)	2,227,760
3,085	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos Community Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28 (Pre-refunded 9/01/18)	9/18 at 100.00	BBB- (6)	3,481,824
2,000	Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation, Commonwealth Appropriation Bonds, Series 2002E, 6.000%, 8/01/26 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	C (6)	2,687,660
80	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41 (Pre-refunded 2/01/21)	2/21 at 100.00	A- (6)	100,400
	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			
85	7.000%, 8/01/33 (Pre-refunded 2/01/21)	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+ (6)	107,550
105	7.000%, 8/01/41 (Pre-refunded 2/01/21)	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+ (6)	132,855
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 (6)	880,473
21,510	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 10.8% (7.8% of Total Investments)			24,110,049
2,355	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35	No Opt. Call	A	2,914,831
14,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012B, 5.000%, 7/01/43	7/22 at 100.00	Aa2	16,447,056
1,500	Southern California Public Power Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Apex Power Project Series 2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/38	7/24 at 100.00	AA-	1,808,205
4,000	Southern California Public Power Authority, Natural Gas Project 1 Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/01/33	No Opt. Call	A	4,967,720
21,855	Total Utilities			26,137,812
5,240	Water and Sewer – 11.9% (8.6% of Total Investments)			Baa3 5,784,908

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	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds, Poseidon Resources Channelside LP Desalination Project, Series 2012, 5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	
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- 4,994,656
7,890	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/44	7/24 at 100.00	AA+ 9,465,949
1,160	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 09-8B, 16.567%, 7/01/35 (IF) (7)	7/19 at 100.00	AAA 1,754,662
5,825	Sacramento, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, 5.000%, 9/01/42	9/23 at 100.00	AA 6,722,283
24,380	Total Water and Sewer		28,722,458
\$ 351,750	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$299,031,534)		334,521,350
	Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Preference – (40.4)% (8)		(98,000,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.4%		5,833,934
	Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%		\$ 242,355,284

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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	\$ —	\$334,521,350	\$ —	\$334,521,350

### 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, 2016, the cost of investments was \$299,154,473.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of May 31, 2016, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$39,054,959
Depreciation	(3,688,082)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$35,366,877

- (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) The coupon for this security increased 0.25% effective January 1, 2016 and will increase an additional 0.25% effective May 11, 2016.

- (5) As of, 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 ceased accruing additional income on the Fund's records.
  - (6) 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.
  - (7) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in inverse floating rate transactions.
  - (8) Variable Rate Demand Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Preference as a percentage of Total Investments is 29.3%.
  - (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
  - (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2

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

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

Date: July 29, 2016

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

Date: July 29, 2016