

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA SELECT TAX FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO  
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 811-06623

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  
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(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: 6/30/15

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.

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## Item 1. Schedule of Investments

## Portfolio of Investments

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income  
Portfolio (NXC)  
June 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 95.9%			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 95.9%			
	Consumer Staples – 3.7%			
\$ 75	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	9/15 at 100.00	BBB+	\$ 74,148
185	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Fresno County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002, 5.625%, 6/01/23	9/15 at 100.00	Aa1	184,996
1,450	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 6/01/33	6/17 at 100.00	B	1,202,877
1,095	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	872,868
1,500	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Northern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.500%, 6/01/45	9/15 at 100.00	B–	1,199,145
4,305	Total Consumer Staples Education and Civic Organizations – 4.0%			3,534,034
3,000	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2008A, 5.625%, 4/01/37	4/18 at 100.00	Aa3	3,309,960
20	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A3	20,074
160	California Municipal Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Rocketship	6/22 at 102.00	N/R	180,493

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	Education, Multiple Projects, Series 2014A , 7.250%, 6/01/43			
	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds,	7/21 at 100.00	BBB-	286,427
250	Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46			
3,430	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 5.6%			3,796,954
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lucile Salter Packard	8/24 at 100.00	AA	127,046
115	Children’s Hospital, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 8/15/43			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services,	10/24 at 100.00	AA	138,350
125	Series 2014A, 5.000%, 10/01/38			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services,	10/24 at 100.00	AA	280,760
255	Series 2014B, 5.000%, 10/01/44			
	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Rady Children’s Hospital –	8/21 at 100.00	AA-	259,189
235	San Diego, Series 2011, 5.250%, 8/15/41			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Childrens Hospital of	8/17 at 100.00	BBB+	440,861
425	Los Angeles, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/47			
	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	567,955
545	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series	11/19 at 100.00	Ba1	553,840
500	2009, 6.625%, 11/01/29			
	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series	11/20 at 100.00	Ba1	1,166,715
1,100	2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41			
	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series	12/21 at 100.00	BB	810,646
670	2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41			
	Upland, California, Certificates of Participation, San Antonio Community Hospital, Series 2011,	1/21 at 100.00	A-	919,400
800	6.500%, 1/01/41			
4,770	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 1.0%			5,264,762

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370	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	405,376
395	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	423,397
25	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Senior Revenue Bonds, Caritas Affordable Housing, Inc. Projects, Series 2014A: 5.250%, 8/15/39	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	26,932
65	5.250%, 8/15/49	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	69,839
855	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 0.0%			925,544
25	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%, 8/01/30 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) Industrials – 1.2%	2/16 at 100.00	A	26,021
1,015	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Republic Services Inc., Series 2002C, 5.250%, 6/01/23 (Mandatory put 12/01/17) (Alternative Minimum Tax) Tax Obligation/General – 31.2%	No Opt. Call	BBB+	1,089,521
1,650	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 5.500%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	AA-	1,897,566
1,965	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	AA-	2,176,827
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012, 5.250%, 4/01/35	4/22 at 100.00	AA-	2,275,760
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	AA-	4,579,692
1,750	0.000%, 2/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	1,685,705
2,375	0.000%, 8/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	2,256,345
2,345	0.000%, 2/01/18 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA-	2,188,119
	Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series 1995C:			

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1,015	0.000%, 5/01/17 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	997,166
1,080	0.000%, 5/01/18 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	1,017,932
	Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Convertible Capital Appreciation, Election 2004 Series 2010A:			
10,825	0.000%, 8/01/34	No Opt. Call	A+	4,373,733
3,250	0.000%, 8/01/35	No Opt. Call	A+	1,247,415
	San Bernardino Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of			
8,075	2008 Series 2009B, 0.000%, 8/01/44	No Opt. Call	Aa2	2,105,718
	West Hills Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, School Facilities			
4,250	Improvement District 3, 2008 Election Series 2011, 0.000%, 8/01/38 – AGM Insured	8/31 at 100.00	AA	2,860,930
45,230	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 21.3%			29,662,908
	Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Bell Project Area,			
1,000	Series 2003, 5.625%, 10/01/33 – RAAI Insured	9/15 at 100.00	AA	999,940
	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities			
2,000	Series 2013F, 5.250%, 9/01/33	9/23 at 100.00	A+	2,315,960
	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects,			
1,500	Series	11/19 at 100.00	A+	1,805,940
	2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34			
	Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community			
120	Facilities District 98-2, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 – FGIC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	AA-	120,823
	Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax			
360	Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured	9/16 at 101.00	A	366,865
	Fontana Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, North Fontana			
1,000	Redevelopment Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/32 – AMBAC Insured	10/15 at 100.00	A	1,003,730
	Fontana Redevelopment Agency, San Bernardino County, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa			
270	Hills Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 1997A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	10/15 at 100.00	A-	271,793
3,000		6/25 at 100.00	A1	3,284,730

	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement			
	Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A, 5.000%, 6/01/40			
250	Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured	5/17 at 100.00	BBB+	257,895
	Irvine Unified School District, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District			
	Series 2006A:			
55	5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	55,782
130	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	131,760
	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester			
1,215	Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	9/15 at 100.00	A1	1,218,706
	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National			
135	City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24	8/21 at 100.00	A–	167,846
	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2009, 7.000%, 3/01/34			
1,000	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field	3/18 at 100.00	A+	1,128,440
	Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40			
50	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	60,122
	2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B , 5.875%, 9/01/39			
60	Patterson Public Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	63,847
	2001-1, Senior Series 2013A:			
350	5.250%, 9/01/30	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	370,209
320	5.750%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	342,851
	Pittsburg Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Los Medanos			
415	Community Development Project, Refunding Series 2008A, 6.500%, 9/01/28	9/18 at 100.00	BBB–	452,931
	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien			
160	Series	9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	180,379

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	2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30 Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project	10/21 at 100.00	A-	36,740
30	Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25 Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A,	No Opt. Call	AA-	665,954
605	5.400%, 11/01/20 – NPMG Insured San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	AAA	1,507,847
1,365	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	67,815
65	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	A-	30,151
25	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			
25	7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	29,999
30	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	35,999
615	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA-	660,252
1,000	Santa Clara County Board of Education, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2002, 5.000%, 4/01/25 – NPMG Insured	10/15 at 100.00	AA-	1,000,780
40	Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	44,592
1,000	Travis Unified School District, Solano County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – FGIC Insured	9/16 at 100.00	A3	1,045,000
360	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011,	3/21 at 100.00	A-	449,154

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	7.500%, 9/01/39 Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds,	9/21 at 100.00	A-	84,636
70	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32			
18,620	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 5.8% Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43			20,259,468
530	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2013A: 5.000%, 1/15/42 – AGM Insured	1/24 at 100.00	BB+	626,322
1,000	5.750%, 1/15/46	1/24 at 100.00	AA	1,089,480
1,170	6.000%, 1/15/53	1/24 at 100.00	BBB-	1,347,044
1,175	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2012P, 5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	BBB-	1,364,809
955	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 12.6% (4)		A+	1,053,594
4,830	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections, Calipatria State Prison, Series 1991A, 6.500%, 9/01/17 – NPFG Insured (ETM)	No Opt. Call	AA-	1,805,934
1,690	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/01/21 (Pre-refunded 11/02/15)	11/15 at 100.00	AA- (4)	35,571
35	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 (Pre-refunded 4/01/16) – NPFG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	A2 (4)	155,331
150	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	AA (4)	635,575
540	Merced Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Water and Hydroelectric Series 2008B, 0.000%, 9/01/23 (Pre-refunded 9/01/16)	9/16 at 64.56	BBB- (4)	4,877,452
7,600	Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%,	9/15 at 100.00	A (4)	216,797
215			N/R (4)	



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	9/01/31 (Pre-refunded 9/01/15) – SYNCORA GTY Insured			
100	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 (Pre-refunded 8/01/15) – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA (4)	100,414
250	Sacramento County Sanitation Districts Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 (Pre-refunded 6/01/16) – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	AA (4)	260,858
225	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 (4)	247,736
1,000	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 4/01/36 (Pre-refunded 4/01/17) – AMBAC Insured	4/17 at 100.00	AA+ (4)	1,076,600
2,565	Sunnyvale School District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/26 (Pre-refunded 9/01/15) – AGM Insured	9/15 at 100.00	AA+ (4)	2,586,033
14,370	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 2.0%			11,998,301
1,000	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2011A, 5.500%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	AA–	1,154,350
645	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 11/15/37	No Opt. Call	A	760,636
1,645	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 7.5%			1,914,986
1,000	Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, California, Revenue Bonds, Capital Cost Recovery Prepayment Program, Series 2013A, 5.000%, 10/01/34	4/23 at 100.00	AA–	1,130,000
375	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds, Poseidon Resources Channelside LP Desalination Project, Series 2012: 5.000%, 7/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	395,363
1,160	5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	1,210,367
2,000	Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Water System Financing,	3/22 at 100.00	AA–	2,172,020

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	Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41			
1,970	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 7/24 at 100.00		AA	2,206,204
6,505	2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/44 Total Water and Sewer			7,113,954
\$ 105,600	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$83,730,461)			91,067,702
Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS – 0.4%			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 0.4%			
	Health Care – 0.4%			
\$ 205	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity	No Opt. Call	N/R	\$ 205,053
	Health System, Series 2014A, 6.000%, 7/10/15 (5)			
100	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity	No Opt. Call	N/R	100,026
	Health System, Series 2014B, 6.000%, 7/10/15 (5)			
100	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity	No Opt. Call	N/R	100,026
	Health System, Series 2014C, 6.000%, 7/10/15 (5)			
\$ 405	Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$405,000)			405,105
	Total Investments (cost \$84,135,461) – 96.3%			91,472,807
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 3.7%			3,500,773
	Net Assets – 100%			\$ 94,973,580

## 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	\$ —	\$91,067,702	\$ —	\$91,067,702
Short-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	—	—	405,105	405,105
Total	\$ —	\$91,067,702	\$405,105	\$91,472,807

## 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 June 30, 2015, the cost of investments was \$84,099,119.

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

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$7,735,859
Depreciation	(362,172)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments \$7,373,687

- (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.  
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.
  - (5) 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.
- (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
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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 Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

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

Date: August 28, 2015

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 28, 2015

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

Date: August 28, 2015