

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 811-6623

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

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

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

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

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 6/30/12

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

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

Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio (NXC)

June 30, 2012

Principal Amount	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
(000)	Consumer Staples – 4.3%			
\$ 140	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	6/15 at 100.00	BB+	\$ 135,646
940	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Fresno County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002, 5.625%, 6/01/23	12/12 at 100.00	A3	942,651
1,065	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1: 5.750%, 6/01/47	6/17 at 100.00	BB-	856,175
1,885	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37	6/17 at 100.00	BB-	1,367,360
1,095	Total Consumer Staples Education and Civic Organizations – 3.9%	6/22 at 100.00	BB-	823,593
5,125	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2008A, 5.625%, 4/01/37			4,125,425
3,000	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	4/18 at 100.00	Aa3	3,382,020
45	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006: 5.000%, 11/01/21	10/15 at 100.00	A3	46,227
35	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, 5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	37,477
45	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, 5.000%, 11/01/25	11/15 at 100.00	A2	47,373
250	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, 5.000%, 7/21 at 100.00	7/21 at 100.00	BBB	271,180

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

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	ABAG Finance Authority for Non-Profit Corporations, California, Insured Senior Living Revenue Bonds, Odd Fellows Home of California, Series 2003A, 5.200%, 11/15/22 Tax Obligation/General – 39.2%	11/12 at 100.00		
750	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 2/01/23	2/14 at 100.00	A1	793,140
1,650	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 5.500%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	A1	1,849,964
2,500	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	A1	2,658,825
2,000	California State, Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, 5.250%, 4/01/35	4/22 at 100.00	A1	2,226,660
6,225	Escondido Union High School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Election 2008 Series 2009, 0.000%, 8/01/36 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,772,631
4,650	Golden West Schools Financing Authority, California, General Obligation Revenue Refunding Bonds, School District Program, Series 1999A: 0.000%, 8/01/16 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	4,070,796
1,750	0.000%, 2/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,481,813
2,375	0.000%, 8/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,967,640
2,345	0.000%, 2/01/18 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,885,872
1,015	Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, Santa Clara County, California, General Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series 1995C: 0.000%, 5/01/17 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	901,269
1,080	0.000%, 5/01/18 – NPMFG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa1	933,034
5,500	Poway Unified School District, San Diego County, California, School Facilities Improvement District 2007-1 General Obligation Bonds, Election 2008 Series 2011A, 0.000%, 8/01/46	No Opt. Call	Aa2	909,315
100	Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA+	109,271
3,220	Sacramento City Unified School District, Sacramento County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/27 – NPMFG Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA-	3,512,730
8,075	San Bernardino Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008 Series 2009B, 0.000%, 8/01/44	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,495,409
1,500	San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds,	7/13 at 101.00	Aa2	1,585,590

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

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

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

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

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Prices are determined using significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

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The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments*:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$95,055,963	\$ —	\$95,055,963

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

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

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

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

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

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
 - (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
 - (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
 - (4) which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.
- N/R Not rated.
- (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

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

SIGNATURES

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

(Registrant) Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

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

Date: August 29, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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

Date: August 29, 2012

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

Date: August 29, 2012