

NUVVEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE FUND 2

Form 8-A12B

February 09, 2001

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(B) OR 12(G) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 2

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

MASSACHUSETTS
(State of Incorporation
or Organization)

36-7333823
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

333 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities
pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to
General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. []

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities
pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to
General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. []

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form
relates: .

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title Of Each Class To Be So Registered -----	Name Of Each Exchange On Which Each Class Is To Be Registered -----
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Share of beneficial interest \$.01 par value per share	American Stock Exchange, Inc.
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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

(Title of Class)

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Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The shares (the "Shares") to be registered hereunder are shares of beneficial interest, \$.01 par value per share of Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (the "Registrant"). A description of the Shares is contained under the heading "Description of Shares" in the prospectus included in the Registrant's registration statement on Form N-2 and under the heading "Description of Shares" in the Statement of Additional Information attached thereto, each filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, on November 3, 2000, and as amended on January 15, 2001 (Registration Nos. 333-49242 and 811-10197, respectively), which description is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits, no exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Dated: February 9, 2001

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND
ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 2

By: /s/ Nicholas Dalmaso

Nicholas Dalmaso
Assistant Vice President and
Assistant Secretary