

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA SELECT TAX FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Form N-Q

August 29, 2012

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

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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, 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:

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| 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