

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA SELECT TAX FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO

Form N-Q

February 29, 2016

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
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: 12/31/15

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.

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

Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income
Portfolio (NXC)
December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 99.7%			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 99.7%			
	Consumer Staples – 4.1%			
\$ 75	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	6/16 at 100.00	BBB+	\$ 75,008
185	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Fresno County Tobacco Funding Corporation, Series 2002, 5.625%, 6/01/23	6/16 at 100.00	Aa1	185,056
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–	1,346,630
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–	1,014,518
1,500	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Northern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.500%, 6/01/45	6/16 at 100.00	B–	1,400,400
4,305	Total Consumer Staples Education and Civic Organizations – 3.1%			4,021,612
195	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2008A, 5.625%, 4/01/37	4/18 at 100.00	Aa3	213,662
20	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35	4/16 at 100.00	A3	20,032
160	California Municipal Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Rocketship	6/22 at 102.00	N/R	181,498

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	Education?Multiple Projects, Series 2014A , 7.250%, 6/01/43			
2,000	California State University, Systemwide Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A, 5.000%, 11/01/38	11/25 at 100.00	Aa2	2,364,540
250	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds,	7/21 at 100.00	BBB-	282,278
2,625	Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46			3,062,010
115	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 5.4% California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lucile Salter Packard	8/24 at 100.00	AA	130,764
125	Children’s Hospital, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 8/15/43 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 10/01/38	10/24 at 100.00	AA	143,590
255	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2014B, 5.000%, 10/01/44	10/24 at 100.00	AA	289,361
235	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	AA-	263,517
425	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/47	8/17 at 100.00	BBB+	440,508
545	California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	A+	558,963
500	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2009, 6.625%, 11/01/29	11/19 at 100.00	Ba1	552,450
1,100	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	Ba1	1,172,842
670	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB+	821,112
800	Upland, California, Certificates of Participation, San Antonio Community	1/21 at 100.00	A-	929,712

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4,770	Hospital, Series 2011, 6.500%, 1/01/41 Total Health Care			5,302,819
365	Housing/Multifamily – 1.0% California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	411,621
395	Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45 California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects	8/22 at 100.00	BBB	443,553
25	Series 2012A, 5.500%, 8/15/47 California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Senior Revenue Bonds, Caritas Affordable Housing, Inc. Projects, Series 2014A:	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	28,211
65	5.250%, 8/15/39	8/24 at 100.00	BBB	73,107
850	5.250%, 8/15/49 Total Housing/Multifamily Industrials – 1.1%			956,492
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 – 33.6%	No Opt. Call	BBB+	1,075,271
1,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Refunding Series 2015, 5.000%, 8/01/34	8/25 at 100.00	AA–	1,195,840
1,650	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 5.500%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	AA–	1,915,683
1,965	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	AA–	2,252,578
2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012, 5.250%, 4/01/35 Golden West Schools Financing Authority, California, General Obligation Revenue Refunding	4/22 at 100.00	AA–	2,354,320
4,650	Bonds, School District Program, Series 1999A: 0.000%, 8/01/16 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	4,619,263
1,750	0.000%, 2/01/17 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	1,711,955
2,375	0.000%, 8/01/17 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	AA–	2,295,010
2,345	0.000%, 2/01/18 – NPMG Insured Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, Santa Clara County, California, General	No Opt. Call	AA–	2,235,723

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	Obligation Capital Appreciation Bonds, Series 1995C:			
1,015	0.000%, 5/01/17 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aaa	1,004,241
1,080	0.000%, 5/01/18 – NPMG Insured	No Opt. Call	Aaa	1,048,129
	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+	4,887,592
3,250	0.000%, 8/01/35	No Opt. Call	A+	1,395,193
	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	2,499,536
	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	3,257,539
46,230	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 20.5%			32,672,602
	Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Bell Project Area,			
1,000	Series 2003, 5.625%, 10/01/33 – RAAI Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA	1,000,390
	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities Series 2013F, 5.250%, 9/01/33			
2,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series			
1,500	2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34	11/19 at 100.00	A+	1,800,240
	Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation			
360	Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured	9/16 at 101.00	A	366,790
	Fontana Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, North Fontana			
1,000	Redevelopment Project, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/32 – AMBAC Insured	4/16 at 100.00	A	1,001,640
	Fontana Redevelopment Agency, San Bernardino County, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa			
270	Hills Redevelopment Project, Refunding Series 1997A, 5.500%, 10/01/27	4/16 at 100.00	A	272,117
	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement			
3,000		6/25 at 100.00	A+	3,443,849

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	Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A, 5.000%, 6/01/40 Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2007A-1, 5.000%, 5/01/23 – AMBAC Insured Irvine Unified School District, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District	5/17 at 100.00	BBB+	256,953
250				
55	Series 2006A: 5.000%, 9/01/26	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	55,836
130	5.125%, 9/01/36	9/16 at 100.00	N/R	131,854
	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24 Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2009, 7.000%, 3/01/34 Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40 Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B , 5.875%, 9/01/39 Patterson Public Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Senior Series 2013A: 5.250%, 9/01/30 5.750%, 9/01/39 Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30 Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25 Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A,	3/16 at 100.00	A1	1,217,272
1,215				
135		8/21 at 100.00	A	168,437
1,000		3/18 at 100.00	A+	1,110,970
50		9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	60,484
60		9/23 at 100.00	N/R	65,614
350		9/23 at 100.00	N/R	382,242
320		9/23 at 100.00	N/R	352,278
160		9/21 at 100.00	BBB+	183,274
30		10/21 at 100.00	A	36,921
515		No Opt. Call	AA–	566,485

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	5.400%, 11/01/20 – NPMG Insured San Clemente, California, Special Tax Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2006-1	9/25 at 100.00	N/R	21,863
20	Marblehead Coastal, Series 2015, 5.000%, 9/01/40 San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, California, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2012A, 5.000%, 4/01/42	4/22 at 100.00	AAA	1,540,198
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	70,044
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–	30,198
25	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D: 7.000%, 8/01/33	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	30,057
25	7.000%, 8/01/41	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	36,068
615	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/25 – NPMG Insured Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2011, 7.000%, 10/01/26	8/17 at 100.00	AA–	649,379
40	Travis Unified School District, Solano County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/26 – FGIC Insured	4/21 at 100.00	N/R	47,358
1,000	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39	9/16 at 100.00	A3	1,025,740
360	Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority, Matching Fund Loan Notes Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 10/01/32 – AGM Insured	3/21 at 100.00	A–	448,999
1,000	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue	10/22 at 100.00	AA	1,103,850
70		9/21 at 100.00	A–	85,118

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	Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32			
18,015	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 6.7%			19,955,968
530	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, 1/24 at 100.00 Refunding Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43		BB+	631,352
1,000	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	AA	1,105,040
1,170	5.750%, 1/15/46	1/24 at 100.00	BBB–	1,367,344
1,175	6.000%, 1/15/53	1/24 at 100.00	BBB–	1,380,167
800	Long Beach, California, Harbor Revenue Bonds, Series 2015D, 5.000%, 5/15/42	5/25 at 100.00	AA	938,416
955	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2012P, 5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	A+	1,075,531
5,630	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 12.7% (4)			6,497,850
2,805	California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Santa Clara University, Series 2008A, 5.625%, 4/01/37 (Pre-refunded 4/01/18)	4/18 at 100.00	N/R (4)	3,100,843
15	California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%, 8/01/30 (Pre-refunded 2/01/16) – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/16 at 100.00	A (4)	15,068
1,155	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections, Calipatria State Prison, Series 1991A, 6.500%, 9/01/17 – NPMG Insured (ETM)	No Opt. Call	AA– (4)	1,228,724
150	Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 (Pre-refunded 4/01/16) – NPMG Insured	4/16 at 100.00	AA (4)	151,775
540	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+ (4)	616,286
6,530	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	A (4)	4,199,703

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415	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- (4)	453,836
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)	254,878
1,000	Santa Clara County Board of Education, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2002, 5.000%, 4/01/25 (Pre-refunded 2/08/16) – NPFPG Insured	2/16 at 100.00	AA- (4)	1,001,270
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)	243,275
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)	1,054,710
14,085	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 2.0%			12,320,738
1,000	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2011A, 5.500%, 11/01/41	11/20 at 100.00	AA-	1,154,030
645	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 11/15/37	No Opt. Call	A	801,348
1,645	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 9.5%			1,955,378
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-	1,177,860
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	407,449
1,160	5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	Baa3	1,253,380
2,000	Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Water System Financing,	3/22 at 100.00	AA-	2,286,460

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	Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41			
	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,			
	California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series			
1,970	2014A,	7/24 at 100.00	AA	2,300,684
	5.000%, 7/01/44			
	Metropolitan Water District of Southern			
	California, Water Revenue Refunding Bonds,			
1,500	Series	7/25 at 100.00	AAA	1,780,485
	2015A, 5.000%, 7/01/40			
8,005	Total Water and Sewer			9,206,318
	Total Long-Term Investments (cost			
\$ 107,175	\$87,182,252)			97,027,058
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 0.3%			319,863
	Net Assets – 100%			\$ 97,346,921

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 risk 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	\$ —	\$97,027,058	\$ —	\$97,027,058

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 December 31, 2015, the cost of investments was \$87,137,599.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of December 31, 2015, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 9,969,942
Depreciation	(80,483)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 9,889,459

- (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.
 - (4) 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.
- (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.

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

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

Date: February 29, 2016

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

Date: February 29, 2016