

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)

Gifford R. Zimmerman

Vice President and Secretary

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

Date of fiscal year end: March 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2018

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

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Nuveen California Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2018

(Unaudited)

Principal

Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS – 96.9%			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 96.9%			
	Consumer Staples – 5.4%			
\$ 1,000	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Gold Country Settlement Funding Corporation, Refunding Series 2006, 5.250%, 6/01/46	3/19 at 100.00	CCC	\$976,790
25	California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21	3/19 at 100.00	A	25,059
1,095	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Senior Convertible Series 2007A-2, 5.300%, 6/01/37	6/22 at 100.00	B+	1,100,705
100	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2018A-1, 5.000%, 6/01/47	6/22 at 100.00	N/R	96,426
380	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2018A-2, 5.000%, 6/01/47	6/22 at 100.00	N/R	366,419
1,500	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Northern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 5.500%, 6/01/45	3/19 at 100.00	B-	1,507,230
1,000	Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Senior Series 2006A, 5.000%, 6/01/37	3/19 at 100.00	BB+	999,990
5,100	Total Consumer Staples			5,072,619
	Education and Civic Organizations – 1.0%			
160	California Municipal Finance Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Rocketship Education, Multiple Projects, Series 2014A, 7.250%, 6/01/43	6/22 at 102.00	N/R	177,640
60	California School Finance Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools Project, Series 2016A, 5.000%, 7/01/46, 144A	7/25 at 100.00	BBB	63,191
385	California School Finance Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools Project, Series 2016C, 5.000%, 7/01/46	7/25 at 101.00	BBB	408,185
250	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Alliance College-Ready Public Schools, Series 2011A, 7.000%, 7/01/46	7/21 at 100.00	BBB-	267,025
855	Total Education and Civic Organizations			916,041
	Health Care – 10.2%			
1,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Refunding Series 2016B, 5.000%, 11/15/46	11/26 at 100.00	AA-	1,105,950
1,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Refunding Series 2017A, 5.000%, 11/15/48	11/27 at 100.00	AA-	1,111,840

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2,500	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2016A, 5.000%, 11/15/41	11/25 at 100.00AA-	2,763,975
1,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2018A, 5.000%, 11/15/48	11/27 at 100.00AA-	1,111,840
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Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Health Care (continued)			
\$ 115	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 8/15/43	8/24 at 100.00	AA-	\$125,375
125	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Refunding Series 2014A, 5.000%, 10/01/38	10/24 at 100.00	AA-	140,411
255	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Providence Health & Services, Series 2014B, 5.000%, 10/01/44	10/24 at 100.00	AA-	282,711
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	249,727
35	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical Center, Refunding Series 2017A, 5.000%, 7/01/42	7/27 at 100.00	Baa2	38,291
130	California Municipal Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, NorthBay Healthcare Group, Series 2017A, 5.250%, 11/01/41	11/26 at 100.00	BBB-	139,737
350	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2014A, 5.250%, 12/01/34	12/24 at 100.00	BB	374,910
825	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2016A: 5.000%, 12/01/46, 144A	6/26 at 100.00	BB	854,931
540	5.250%, 12/01/56, 144A	6/26 at 100.00	BB	565,607
670	San Buenaventura, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Memorial Health System, Series 2011, 7.500%, 12/01/41	12/21 at 100.00	BB	733,228
8,780	Total Health Care			9,598,533
	Housing/Multifamily – 0.5%			
	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Affordable Housing Inc Projects, Senior Series 2014A:			
25	5.250%, 8/15/39	8/24 at 100.00	BBB+	26,856
65	5.250%, 8/15/49	8/24 at 100.00	BBB+	69,486
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	419,403
485	Total Housing/Multifamily			515,745
	Tax Obligation/General – 21.7%			
1,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Refunding Series 2015, 5.000%, 8/01/34	8/25 at 100.00	AA-	1,137,100
1,650	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2009, 5.500%, 11/01/39	11/19 at 100.00	AA-	1,695,474
1,965	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2011, 5.000%, 10/01/41	10/21 at 100.00	AA-	2,107,973

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2,000	California State, General Obligation Bonds, Various Purpose Series 2012, 5.250%, 4/01/35	4/22 at 100.00	AA-	2,178,780
7,575	Palomar Pomerado Health, California, General Obligation Bonds, Convertible Capital Appreciation, Election 2004 Series 2010A, 0.000%, 8/01/34	No Opt. Call	A2	4,050,049
1,000	San Benito High School District, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties, California, General Obligation Bonds, 2016 Election Series 2017, 5.250%, 8/01/46	8/27 at 100.00	Aa3	1,165,740
8,075	San Bernardino Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2008 Series 2009B, 0.000%, 8/01/44	No Opt. Call	AA	2,826,250
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Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Tax Obligation/General (continued)			
\$ 2,050	San Mateo County Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election 2014 Series 2018B, 5.000%, 9/01/45	9/28 at 100.00	AAA	\$2,391,592
1,000	Santa Barbara Unified School District, Santa Barbara County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016 Series 2017A, 4.000%, 8/01/41	8/27 at 100.00	Aa2	1,055,730
2,000	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 (4)	8/31 at 100.00	AA	1,823,240
28,315	Total Tax Obligation/General			20,431,928
	Tax Obligation/Limited – 20.1%			
1,000	Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Bell Project Area, Series 2003, 5.625%, 10/01/33 – RAAI Insured	3/19 at 100.00	AA	1,003,130
2,000	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Various Correctional Facilities Series 2013F, 5.250%, 9/01/33	9/23 at 100.00	A+	2,239,560
360	Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 – AMBAC Insured	3/19 at 100.00	A	360,832
3,000	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2015A, 5.000%, 6/01/40	6/25 at 100.00	A+	3,314,340
1,215	Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Vermont Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – AMBAC Insured	3/19 at 100.00	Aa2	1,217,855
1,000	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California, Measure R Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2016A, 5.000%, 6/01/38	6/26 at 100.00	AAA	1,154,980
3,000	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California, Proposition C Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2017A, 5.000%, 7/01/42	7/27 at 100.00	AA+	3,449,400
1,000	Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2009, 7.000%, 3/01/34	3/19 at 100.00	A+	1,004,230
50	Novato Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Hamilton Field Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.750%, 9/01/40	9/21 at 100.00	A-	55,082
	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Senior Series 2013A:			
350	5.250%, 9/01/30	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	377,678
320	5.750%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	346,835
60	Patterson Public Finance Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Subordinate Lien Series 2013B, 5.875%, 9/01/39	9/23 at 100.00	N/R	65,349
30	Riverside County Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Jurupa Valley Project Area, Series 2011B, 6.500%, 10/01/25	10/21 at 100.00	A	33,518

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225	Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call Aa3	234,522
20	San Clemente, California, Special Tax Revenue Bonds, Community Facilities District 2006-1 Marblehead Coastal, Series 2015, 5.000%, 9/01/40	9/25 at 100.00 N/R	21,339
1,365	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	1,476,425
65	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	8/24 at 100.00 N/R	69,222
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	Tax Obligation/Limited (continued)			
\$ 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	\$43,728
1,285	Stockton Public Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Arch Road East Community Facility District 99-02, Series 2018A, 5.000%, 9/01/28	9/25 at 103.00	N/R	1,417,805
1,000	Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority, Matching Fund Loan Notes Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 10/01/32 – AGM Insured	10/22 at 100.00	AA	1,073,960
17,385	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 8.5%			18,959,790
530	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Junior Lien Series 2013C, 6.500%, 1/15/43	1/24 at 100.00	BBB+	611,774
	Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2013A:			
1,000	5.000%, 1/15/42 – AGM Insured	1/24 at 100.00	AA	1,099,160
1,170	5.750%, 1/15/46	1/24 at 100.00	A-	1,316,355
1,175	6.000%, 1/15/53	1/24 at 100.00	A-	1,346,209
800	Long Beach, California, Harbor Revenue Bonds, Series 2015D, 5.000%, 5/15/42	5/25 at 100.00	AA	904,944
1,525	Los Angeles Department of Airports, California, Revenue Bonds, Los Angeles International Airport, Subordinate Lien Series 2018A, 5.250%, 5/15/48 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/28 at 100.00	AA-	1,740,422
955	Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2012P, 5.000%, 5/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/22 at 100.00	A+	1,030,111
7,155	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 6.9% (5)			8,048,975
350	California Municipal Finance Authority, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, Caritas Projects Series 2010A, 6.400%, 8/15/45 (Pre-refunded 8/15/20)	8/20 at 100.00	BBB	373,188
1,500	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Various Capital Projects, Series 2009-I, 6.375%, 11/01/34 (Pre-refunded 11/01/19)	11/19 at 100.00	Aaa	1,559,760
1,000	Imperial Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2011A, 5.500%, 11/01/41 (Pre-refunded 11/01/20)	11/20 at 100.00	AA-	1,070,890
135	National City Community Development Commission, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, National City Redevelopment Project, Series 2011, 6.500%, 8/01/24 (Pre-refunded 8/01/21)	8/21 at 100.00	A	151,509
500	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2009, 6.625%, 11/01/29 (Pre-refunded 11/01/19)	11/19 at 100.00	N/R	520,270
1,100		11/20 at 100.00	Ba1	1,186,812

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	Palomar Pomerado Health Care District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, 6.000%, 11/01/41 (Pre-refunded 11/01/20)			
160	Rancho Santa Fe CSD Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Superior Lien Series 2011A, 5.750%, 9/01/30 (Pre-refunded 9/01/21)	9/21 at 100.00	A-	176,874
25	San Francisco Redevelopment Finance Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay North Redevelopment Project, Series 2011C, 6.750%, 8/01/41 (Pre-refunded 2/01/21)	2/21 at 100.00	A-	27,621

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Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	U.S. Guaranteed (5) (continued)			
	San Francisco Redevelopment Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Mission Bay South Redevelopment Project, Series 2011D:			
\$ 25	7.000%, 8/01/33 (Pre-refunded 2/01/21)	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	\$27,726
30	7.000%, 8/01/41 (Pre-refunded 2/01/21)	2/21 at 100.00	BBB+	33,271
360	Turlock Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, 7.500%, 9/01/39 (Pre-refunded 3/01/21)	3/21 at 100.00	A-	404,600
800	Upland, California, Certificates of Participation, San Antonio Community Hospital, Series 2011, 6.500%, 1/01/41 (Pre-refunded 1/01/21)	1/21 at 100.00	BBB+	874,992
70	Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency, Orange County, California, Tax Allocation Revenue Bonds, Yorba Linda Redevelopment Project, Subordinate Lien Series 2011A, 6.500%, 9/01/32 (Pre-refunded 9/01/21)	9/21 at 100.00	N/R	78,723
6,055	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 6.9%			6,486,236
645	Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 11/15/37	No Opt. Call	A+	788,732
3,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017C, 5.000%, 7/01/47	7/27 at 100.00	AA	3,410,820
2,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018A, 5.000%, 7/01/38	1/28 at 100.00	AA	2,318,400
5,645	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 15.7%			6,517,952
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-	1,105,140
1,480	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, Clean Water State Revolving Fund Revenue Bonds, Green Series 2017, 5.000%, 10/01/33	4/27 at 100.00	AAA	1,748,013
375	California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Water Furnishing Revenue Bonds, Poseidon Resources Channelside LP Desalination Project, Series 2012:			
1,160	5.000%, 7/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax), 144A	7/22 at 100.00	Baa3	390,968
	5.000%, 11/21/45 (Alternative Minimum Tax), 144A	7/22 at 100.00	Baa3	1,200,925
1,730	East Bay Municipal Utility District, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California, Water System Revenue Bonds, Green Series 2017A, 4.000%, 6/01/45	6/27 at 100.00	AAA	1,804,044
2,000	Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Water System Financing, Series 2012, 5.000%, 9/01/41	3/22 at 100.00	AA-	2,144,700
2,000	Irvine Ranch Water District, California, Certificates of Participation, Irvine Ranch Water District Series 2016, 5.000%, 3/01/41	9/26 at 100.00	AAA	2,291,040
1,970	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2014A, 5.000%, 7/01/44	7/24 at 100.00	AA+	2,186,109

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1,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2018B, 5.000%, 7/01/38	7/28 at 100.00	AA+	1,173,200
620	Los Angeles, California, Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Green Subordinate Lien Series 2017A, 5.250%, 6/01/47	6/27 at 100.00	AA	726,528
13,335	Total Water and Sewer			14,770,667
\$ 93,110	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$84,940,043)			91,318,486

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Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS – 3.7%			
	MUNICIPAL BONDS – 3.7%			
	Health Care – 2.6%			
\$ 1,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Childrens Hospital of Orange County, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Series 2009B, C & D, 1.340%, 11/01/38 (6)	2/19 at 100.00	A-1+	\$1,000,000
1,500	California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Series 2008A, 1.600%, 4/01/32 (6)	3/19 at 100.00	A-1+	1,500,000
2,500	Total Health Care Utilities – 1.1%			2,500,000
1,000	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Variable Rate Demand Obligations, Series 2001B-1, 1.250%, 7/01/34 (6)	4/19 at 100.00	A-1	1,000,000
\$ 3,500	Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$3,500,000)			3,500,000
	Total Investments (cost \$88,440,043) – 100.6%			94,818,486
	Borrowings – (1.6)%			(1,509,435)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 1.0%			983,629
	Net Assets – 100%			\$ 94,292,680

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, credit spreads, 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	\$ —	\$91,318,486	\$ —	\$91,318,486
Short-Term Investments:				

Municipal Bonds	—	3,500,000	—	3,500,000
Total	\$ —	\$94,818,486	\$ —	\$94,818,486

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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.

The table below presents the cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of the Fund's investment portfolio, as determined on a federal income tax basis, as of December 31, 2018.

Tax cost of investments	\$88,403,922
Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 6,472,086
Depreciation	(57,522)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 6,414,564

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to common shares unless otherwise noted.
- 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.
- For financial reporting purposes, the ratings disclosed are the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. This treatment of split-rated securities may differ from that used for other purposes, such as for Fund investment policies. 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.
- (3) Step-up coupon bond, a bond with a coupon that increases ("steps up"), usually at regular intervals, while the bond is outstanding. The rate shown is the coupon as of the end of the reporting period.
- (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.
- (5) Investment has maturity of greater than one year, but has variable rate and/or demand features which qualify it as a short-term investment. The rate disclosed, as well as the reference rate and spread, where applicable, is that in effect as of the end of the reporting period. This rate changes periodically based on market conditions or a specified market index.
- (6) Investment is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These 144A investments may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration, which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers.

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/ Gifford R. Zimmerman

Gifford R. Zimmerman
Vice President and Secretary

Date: March 1, 2019

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/ Cedric H. Antosiewicz

Cedric H. Antosiewicz
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date: March 1, 2019

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy

Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date: March 1, 2019