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INVESTMENT COMPANIES

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DREYFUS CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: 7/31

Date of reporting period: 3/31/04

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Item 1 Reports to Stockholders.

**Dreyfus
California Municipal
Income, Inc.**

SEMIANNUAL REPORT March 31, 2004

Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc.

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Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Shareholder:

This semiannual report for Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc. covers the six-month period from October 1, 2003, through March 31, 2004. Inside, you'll find valuable information about how the fund was managed during the reporting period, including a discussion with the fund's portfolio manager, Joseph Darcy.

Municipal bonds generally continued to rally during the reporting period, despite heightened market volatility and the onset of a stronger U.S. economy. Although recovering economies historically have given rise to inflationary pressures, which have tended to hinder returns from the more interest-rate-sensitive areas of the tax-exempt bond market, the current cycle has been different to date. Sluggish job growth has helped forestall potential inflationary factors, and a rising supply of municipal bonds has supported their yields compared to comparable taxable bonds, benefiting performance.

Although our analysts and portfolio managers work hard to identify trends that may move the markets, no one can know with complete certainty what lies ahead for the U.S. economy and the municipal bond market. As always, we encourage you to review your investments regularly with your financial advisor, who may be in the best position to suggest ways to position your portfolio for the opportunities and challenges of today's financial markets.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Canter
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Dreyfus Corporation
April 15, 2004

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Joseph Darcy, Portfolio Manager

How did Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc. perform relative to its benchmark?

For the six-month period ended March 31, 2004, the fund achieved a total return of 3.57%.¹ During the same period, the fund provided income dividends of \$0.2200 per share, which is equal to a distribution rate of 5.33%.²

Despite heightened market volatility in a recovering economy, California municipal bonds generally ended the reporting period with prices that were higher than where they began, contributing positively to the fund's total return. However, the fund reduced its dividend distribution rate during the reporting period, primarily because of lower yields on securities purchased with the income and principal proceeds from holdings that matured, were sold or were redeemed early by their issuers during the reporting period.

What is the fund's investment approach?

The fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal and California personal income taxes to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. During periods of normal market conditions, the fund invests 100% of the value of its net assets in California municipal obligations. The fund invests in municipal obligations which, at the time of purchase, are rated investment-grade or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of bonds, and rated in the two highest rating categories or the unrated equivalent as determined by Dreyfus in the case of short-term obligations having, or deemed to have, maturities of less than one year.

We have constructed a portfolio by looking for income opportunities through analysis of each bond's structure, including paying close attention to a bond's yield, maturity and early redemption features.

Over time, many of the fund's relatively higher-yielding bonds mature or are redeemed by their issuers, and we generally attempt to replace

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DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

those bonds with investments consistent with the fund's investment policies, albeit with yields that reflect the then-current interest-rate environment. When we believe that an opportunity presents itself, we seek to upgrade the portfolio's investments with bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings. When such opportunities arise, we usually will look to sell bonds that are close to redemption or maturity.

What other factors influenced the fund's performance?

When the reporting period began, stronger than expected economic growth had already sparked a sharp decline in the prices of U.S. fixed-income securities, causing tax-exempt bonds to suffer one of the worst six-week declines in their history during the summer of 2003. At the same time, California was in the midst of political turmoil as record-setting budget deficits loomed and the campaign to recall the state's governor gained momentum, and the state's bonds fell more sharply than those of most other states.

Although the market subsequently remained volatile as investors' economic expectations changed, municipal bond prices gradually recovered during the reporting period, contributing positively to the fund's total return. Despite renewed fears of potential inflationary pressures in the recovering economy, bond prices were supported by persistently sluggish job growth and the Federal Reserve Board's assurances that it could be patient before raising short-term interest rates. In addition, a rebound in the prices of California securities was supported by the election of a new governor in October. By the reporting period's end, voters had approved a borrowing plan to address many of the state's more pressing fiscal problems, removing some of the near-term uncertainty that had plagued the California market.

In a market environment characterized by historically low borrowing rates, many California municipalities and authorities redeemed their seasoned bonds on their first available "call" dates and refinanced their debt at lower rates. As a result, a number of the fund's longstanding holdings were retired early, and principal was returned to the fund.

Because these bonds could not be replaced with securities offering similar yield levels, proceeds from their redemptions generally were redeployed among securities with what we believed to be attractive yields for the current environment.

When reinvesting the proceeds from redeemed bonds, we generally favored relatively liquid bonds from issuers rated [single-A] or better. Because yield differences between single-A rated and above and lower-rated bonds were narrower than historical norms for much of the reporting period, it made little sense to us to incur the additional risks of lower-quality securities, including California's unsecured general obligation debt. Instead, we focused primarily on bonds issued by school districts, electric utilities and other revenue-producing essential-services facilities generally with ratings of single-A or better. In addition, we continued to employ certain yield enhancement strategies designed to augment the nominal income produced by the fund's holdings.

What is the fund's current strategy?

We have continued to maintain the fund's current strategy while California government officials attempt to address the state's long-term, structural deficit. However, we are aware that the state may begin to cut local aid as part of a deficit-reduction program, which could result in greater fiscal pressures for local bond issuers. Accordingly, we intend to continue to monitor closely the fiscal health of California municipalities, and we are prepared to alter our strategies if we detect signs of deterioration.

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- 1 *Total return includes reinvestment of dividends and any capital gains paid, based upon net asset value per share. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Market price per share, net asset value per share and investment returns fluctuate. Income may be subject to state and local taxes for non-California residents, and some income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for certain investors. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable.*
- 2 *Distribution rate per share is based upon dividends per share paid from net investment income during the period, divided by the market price per share at the end of the period.*

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

March 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

| Long-Term Municipal Investments 94.9% | Principal Amount (\$) | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------------|------------|
| California 81.8% | | |
| ABAG Financial Authority For Nonprofit Corps.: | | |
| MFHR (Central Park Apartments) 5.60%, 7/1/2038 | 815,000 | 847,551 |
| Revenue (Sansum-Santa Barbara) 5.50%, 4/1/2021 | 2,000,000 | 2,098,200 |
| California 9.416%, 12/1/2018 | 375,000 | 387,405 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue: | | |
| Health Facilities Financing (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center) 6.125%, 12/1/2030 | 1,000,000 | 1,083,750 |

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| (Sutter Health) 6.25%, 8/15/2035 | 750,000 | | 851,693 |
| California Pollution Control Finance Authority: | | | |
| PCR 10.285%, 6/1/2014 | 1,000,000 | a,b | 1,401,280 |
| SWDR: | | | |
| (Browning Ferris Industries): | | | |
| 5.80%, 12/1/2016 | 2,000,000 | | 1,918,460 |
| 6.75%, 9/1/2019 | 600,000 | | 604,674 |
| (Keller Canyon Landfill Co. Project) | | | |
| 6.875%, 11/1/2027 | 1,000,000 | | 1,001,190 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority, COP (Catholic Healthcare) | | | |
| 6.50%, 7/1/2020 | 500,000 | | 549,240 |
| Capistrano Unified School District, Special Tax (Community Facilities District Number 98-2-Ladera) | | | |
| 5.75%, 9/1/2029 | 1,000,000 | | 1,018,970 |
| Central California Joint Powers Health Financing Authority, COP (Community Hospitals of Central California) 6%, 2/1/2030 | 1,000,000 | | 1,038,700 |
| Contra Costa Water District, Water Revenue 5%, 10/1/2019 (Insured; FSA) | 1,000,000 | | 1,080,440 |
| Emeryville Public Financing Authority, Revenue (Shellmound Park Redevelopment Project) 6.80%, 5/1/2014 (Prerefunded 5/1/2004) | 500,000 | c | 512,390 |
| Escondido Improvement Bond, Act of 1915 (Reassessment District Number 98) 5.70%, 9/2/2026 | 440,000 | | 449,381 |
| Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, Toll Road Revenue 5.75%, 1/15/2040 | 500,000 | | 510,800 |
| Long Beach Special Tax Community Facilities District Number 5 (Towne Center) 6.875%, 10/1/2025 | 500,000 | | 524,410 |

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| Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued) | Principal Amount (\$) | | Value (\$) |
|--|-----------------------|-----|------------|
| California (continued) | | | |
| Manteca Financing Authority, Sewer Revenue 5%, 12/1/2033 (Insured; MBIA) | 1,000,000 | | 1,043,970 |
| Palmdale Civic Authority, Revenue (Merged Redevelopment Project Areas): | | | |
| 6.60%, 9/1/2034 (Prerefunded 9/1/2004) | 590,000 | c | 615,505 |
| 6.60%, 9/1/2034 | 410,000 | | 421,874 |
| Pomona, COP, General Fund Lease Financing 5.50%, 6/1/2028 (Insured; AMBAC) | 1,000,000 | | 1,113,100 |
| Redwood Empire Financing Authority, COP 6.40%, 12/1/2023 | 2,750,000 | | 2,828,925 |
| Sacramento City Financing Authority, Revenue 9.543%, 12/1/2014 | 570,000 | a,b | 735,898 |
| Sacramento County, Community Facilities District Number 1, Special Tax | | | |

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| 5.70%, 12/1/2020 Sacramento County Housing Authority, MFHR (Cottage Estate Apartments) | 740,000 | | 755,133 |
| 6%, 2/1/2033 San Diego County, COP: | 1,000,000 | | 1,075,620 |
| 5.70%, 2/1/2028 (Burnham Institute) 6.25%, 9/1/9029 | 1,000,000 | | 826,230 |
| San Jose Redevelopment Agency, Tax Allocation (Merged Area Redevelopment Project) | 1,000,000 | | 1,038,080 |
| 5.25%, 8/1/2029 South Placer Authority, Wastewater Revenue | 1,000,000 | | 1,026,180 |
| 5.25%, 11/1/2027 (Insured; FGIC) (Prerefunded 11/1/2010) | 1,000,000 | c | 1,167,680 |
| Southeast Resource Recovery Facility Authority, 5.25%, 12/1/2018 (Insured; AMBAC) | 500,000 | | 555,390 |
| Torrance Redevelopment Agency, Tax Allocation Revenue 5.625%, 9/1/2028 | 500,000 | | 502,375 |
| Turlock Health Facility, COP (Emanuel Medical Center) | | | |
| 5.75%, 10/15/2023 Valley Health System, HR (Improvement Project) | 2,500,000 | | 2,523,500 |
| 6.50%, 5/15/2025 West Basin Municipal Water District, Revenue, COP: | 500,000 | | 392,470 |
| 5.25%, 8/1/2015 (Insured; MBIA) | 500,000 | | 565,095 |
| 5.25%, 8/1/2016 (Insured; MBIA) | 500,000 | | 560,460 |

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

| Long-Term Municipal Investments (continued) | Principal Amount (\$) | | Value (\$) |
|---|--------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| U.S. Related 13.1% | | | |
| Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, Transportation Revenue 8.83%, 7/1/2038 | 1,000,000 | a,b | 1,069,230 |
| Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority, Special Tax Revenue 8.675%, 7/1/2015 | 1,000,000 | a,b | 1,194,470 |
| Guam Power Authority, Revenue 6.75%, 10/1/2024 (Prerefunded 10/1/2004) | 1,000,000 | c | 1,048,610 |
| Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority, Revenue, Subordinated Lien Fund Loan Notes 6%, 10/1/2022 | 2,000,000 | | 2,048,000 |
| Total Long-Term Municipal Investments (cost \$ 37,008,029) | | | 38,986,329 |

Short-Term Municipal Investments 3.4%

California;

| | | | |
|--|-----------|---|------------------|
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority, HR, VRDN 1.12% (Insured; MBIA) | 1,000,000 | d | 1,000,000 |
| Metropolitan Water District, Southern California Waterworks, Revenue, VRDN 1.10% | 400,000 | d | 400,000 |
| Total Short-Term Municipal Investments (cost \$ 1,400,000) | | | 1,400,000 |

| | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| Total Investments (cost \$ 38,408,029) | 98.3% | 40,386,329 |
| Cash and Receivables (Net) | 1.7% | 700,488 |
| Net Assets | 100.0% | 41,086,817 |

Summary of Abbreviations

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|--|
| AMBAC | American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation | MBIA | Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation |
| COP | Certificate of Participation | MFHR | Multi-Family Housing Revenue |
| FGIC | Financial Guaranty Insurance Company | PCR | Pollution Control Revenue |
| FSA | Financial Security Assurance | SWDR | Solid Waste Disposal Revenue |
| HR | Hospital Revenue | VRDN | Variable Rate Demand Notes |

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

| Fitch | or | Moody's | or | Standard & Poor's | Value (%) |
|------------------------|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|--------------|
| AAA | | Aaa | | AAA | 32.2 |
| AA | | Aa | | AA | 2.1 |
| A | | A | | A | 9.9 |
| BBB | | Baa | | BBB | 28.5 |
| BB | | Ba | | BB | 8.7 |
| B | | B | | B | 2.0 |
| F1 | | MIG1/P1 | | SP1/A1 | 3.5 |
| Not Rated ^e | | Not Rated ^e | | Not Rated ^e | 13.1 |
| | | | | | 100.0 |

a Inverse floater security—the interest rate is subject to change periodically.

b Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to a qualified institutional buyers. At March 31, 2004, these securities amounted \$4,788,283 or 11.7% of net assets.

c Bonds which are prerefunded are collateralized by U.S. Government securities which are held in escrow and are used to pay principal and interest on the municipal issue and to retire the bonds in full at the earliest refunding date.

d Securities payable on demand. Variable interest rate—subject to periodic change.

e Securities which, while not rated by Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's, have been determined by the Manager to be of comparable quality to those rated securities in which the fund may invest. See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

March 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

| | Cost | Value |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Assets (\$): | | |
| Investments in securities—See Statement of Investments | 38,408,029 | 40,386,329 |
| Cash | | 36,661 |
| Interest receivable | | 722,135 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 4,527 |
| | | 41,149,652 |
| Liabilities (\$): | | |
| Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates—Note 3(a) | | 27,393 |
| Accrued expenses | | 35,442 |
| | | 62,835 |
| Net Assets (\$) | | 41,086,817 |
| Composition of Net Assets (\$): | | |
| Paid-in capital | | 42,305,005 |
| Accumulated undistributed investment income—net | | 95,848 |
| Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments | | (3,292,336) |
| Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | | 1,978,300 |
| Net Assets (\$) | | 41,086,817 |
| Shares Outstanding | | |
| (110 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized) | | 4,572,972 |
| Net Asset Value | per share (\$) | 8.98 |

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended March 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

Investment Income (\$):

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Interest Income | 1,147,956 |
| Expenses: | |
| Management fee>Note 3(a) | 143,135 |
| Auditing fees | 15,141 |
| Shareholder servicing costs>Note 3(b) | 8,319 |
| Legal fees | 7,141 |
| Shareholders' reports | 6,790 |
| Directors' fees and expenses>Note 3(c) | 2,027 |
| Registration fees | 1,788 |
| Custodian fees>Note 3(b) | 1,644 |
| Miscellaneous | 6,286 |
| Total Expenses | 192,271 |
| Investment Income | 955,685 |

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on InvestmentsNote 4 (\$):

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | (46,890) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | 444,396 |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments | 397,506 |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | 1,353,191 |

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | Six Months Ended March 31, 2004 (Unaudited) | Year Ended September 30, 2003 |
|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Operations (\$): | | |
| Investment income | 955,685 | 1,949,317 |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments | (46,890) | (1,415,857) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | 444,396 | 770,436 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | 1,353,191 | 1,303,896 |
| Dividends to Shareholders from (\$): | | |
| Investment income | (1,006,054) | (2,085,275) |
| Net realized gain on investments | (20,578) | - |
| Total Dividends | (1,026,632) | (2,085,275) |
| Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | 326,559 | (781,379) |
| Net Assets (\$): | | |
| Beginning of Period | 40,760,258 | 41,541,637 |

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| End of Period | 41,086,817 | 40,760,258 |
| Undistributed investment income ^(b) net | 95,848 | 114,219 |

See notes to financial statements.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements and market price data for the fund's shares.

| | Six Months Ended | Year Ended September 30, | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | March 31, 2004 | 2003 | 2002a | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
| | (Unaudited) | | | | | |
| Per Share Data (\$): | | | | | | |
| Net asset value, | | | | | | |
| beginning of period | 8.91 | 9.08 | 9.20 | 8.88 | 8.98 | 9.77 |
| Investment Operations: | | | | | | |
| Investment income ^(b) net | .21b | .43b | .48b | .49 | .48 | .48 |
| Net realized and unrealized | | | | | | |
| gain (loss) on investments | .08 | (.14) | (.14) | .30 | (.06) | (.71) |
| Total from Investment Operations | .29 | .29 | .34 | .79 | .42 | (.23) |
| Distributions: | | | | | | |
| Dividends from | | | | | | |
| investment income ^(b) net | (.22) | (.46) | (.46) | (.47) | (.52) | (.56) |
| Dividends from net realized | | | | | | |
| gain on investments | (.00) ^c | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| Total Distributions | (.22) | (.46) | (.46) | (.47) | (.52) | (.56) |
| Net asset value, end of period | 8.98 | 8.91 | 9.08 | 9.20 | 8.88 | 8.98 |
| Market value, end of period | 8.25 | 8.26 | 8.31 | 8.30 | 8 ¹ / ₄ | 9 ⁵ / ₈ |
| Total Return (%)^d | 2.64e | 5.09 | 5.64 | 6.31 | (8.70) | (2.21) |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data (%): | | | | | | |
| Ratio of expenses | | | | | | |
| to average net assets | .94 ^f | 1.00 | .98 | .95 | 1.07 | 1.02 |
| Ratio of net investment income | | | | | | |
| to average net assets | 4.67 ^f | 4.79 | 5.35 | 5.36 | 5.54 | 5.09 |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate | 5.14 ^e | 17.50 | 10.23 | 4.26 | 20.44 | 25.65 |
| Net Assets, end of period | | | | | | |
| (\$ x 1,000) | 41,087 | 40,760 | 41,542 | 42,069 | 40,617 | 41,031 |

a As required, effective October 1, 2001, the fund has adopted the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing discount or premium on a scientific basis for debt securities on a daily basis. The effect of this change for the period ended September 30, 2002 was to increase net investment income per share and decrease net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments per share by less than \$.01 and increase the ratio of net investment income to average net assets from 5.34% to 5.35%. Per share data and ratios/supplemental data for periods prior to October 1, 2001 have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.

- b *Based on average shares outstanding at each month end.*
- c *Amount represents less than \$.01 per share.*
- d *Calculated based on market value.*
- e *Not annualized.*
- f *Annualized.*

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

NOTE 1 Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus California Municipal Income, Inc. (the "fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from federal and California personal income taxes to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation (the "Manager" or "Dreyfus") serves as the fund's investment adviser. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation ("Mellon Financial"). The fund's shares trade on the American Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol DCG.

The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. The fund does not anticipate recognizing any loss related to these arrangements.

(a) Portfolio valuation: Investments in municipal debt securities (excluding options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities) are valued on the last business day of each week and month by an independent pricing service (the "Service") approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values

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from dealers; and general market conditions. Options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the national securities market on the last business day of each week and month.

(b) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of discount and premium on investments, is earned from settlement date and recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be

settled a month or more after the trade date.

The fund follows an investment policy of investing primarily in municipal obligations of one state. Economic changes affecting the state and certain of its public bodies and municipalities may affect the ability of issuers within the state to pay interest on, or repay principal of, municipal obligations held by the fund.

(c) Dividends to shareholders: Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gain, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more frequent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gain can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gain. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

For shareholders who elect to receive their distributions in additional shares of the fund, in lieu of cash, such distributions will be reinvested at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price) based on the record date's respective prices. If the net asset value per share on the record date is lower

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

than the market price per share, shares will be issued by the fund at the record date's net asset value on the payable date of the distribution. If the net asset value per share is less than 95% of the market value, shares will be issued by the fund at 95% of the market value. If the market price is lower than the net asset value per share on the record date, Mellon will purchase fund shares in the open market commencing on the payable date and reinvest those shares accordingly. As a result of purchasing fund shares in the open market, fund shares outstanding will not be affected by this form of reinvestment.

On March 31, 2004, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$.034 per share from investment income-net, payable on April 29, 2004 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 15, 2004.

(d) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all federal income and excise taxes.

The fund has an unused capital loss carryover of \$1,804,915 available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to September 30, 2003. If not applied, \$274,359 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2004, \$1,222,300 expires in fiscal 2005 and \$308,256 expires in fiscal 2009.

The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2003 was all tax exempt income. The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

NOTE 2 - Bank Line of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed funds in a \$100 million unsecured line of credit primarily to be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes. Interest is charged to the fund based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the period ended March 31, 2004, the fund did not borrow under the line of credit.

NOTE 3 Management Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement (the "Agreement") with the Manager, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .70 of 1% of the value of the fund's average weekly net assets and is payable monthly. The Agreement provides that if in any full year the aggregate expenses of the fund, exclusive of taxes, interest on borrowings, brokerage fees and extraordinary expenses, exceed the expense limitation of any state having jurisdiction over the fund, the fund may deduct from payments to be made to the Manager, or the Manager will bear, the amount of such excess to the extent required by state law. During the period ended March 31, 2004, there was no expense reimbursement pursuant to the Agreement.

The components of Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates consists of: management fees \$24,543, custodian fees \$382 and transfer agency per account fees \$2,468.

(b) The fund compensates Mellon under a transfer agency agreement for providing personnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the fund. During the period ended March 31, 2004, the fund was charged \$9,848 pursuant to the transfer agency agreement.

The fund compensates Mellon Bank, N.A., an affiliate of the Manager, under a custody agreement for providing custodial services for the fund. During the period ended March 31, 2004, the fund was charged \$1,644 pursuant to the custody agreement.

(c) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex. Annual retainer fees and attendance fees are allocated to each fund based on net assets.

NOTE 4 Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended March 31, 2004, amounted to \$3,622,390 and \$1,970,810, respectively.

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At March 31, 2004, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$1,978,300, consisting of \$2,355,177 gross unrealized appreciation and \$376,877 gross unrealized depreciation.

At March 31, 2004, the cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

NOTE 5 Legal Matters:

Two class actions have been filed against Mellon Financial and Mellon Bank, N.A., and Dreyfus and Founders Asset Management LLC (the "Investment Advisers"), and the directors of all or substantially all of the Dreyfus funds, alleging that the Investment Advisers improperly used assets of the Dreyfus funds, in the form of directed brokerage commissions and 12b-1 fees, to pay brokers to promote sales of Dreyfus funds, and that the use of fund assets to make these payments was not properly disclosed to investors. The complaints further allege that the directors breached their fiduciary duties to fund shareholders under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and at common law. The complaints seek unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, rescission of the funds' contracts with the Investment Advisers, an accounting of all fees paid, and an award of attorneys' fees and litigation expenses. Dreyfus and the Dreyfus funds believe the allegations to be totally without merit and will defend the actions vigorously.

Additional lawsuits arising out of these circumstances and presenting similar allegations and requests for relief may be filed against the defendants in the future. Neither Dreyfus nor the Dreyfus funds believe that any of the pending actions will have a material adverse affect on the Dreyfus funds or Dreyfus' ability to perform its contracts with the Dreyfus funds.

NOTES

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Transfer Agent,

Dividend Disbursing Agent

and Registrar

Mellon Bank, N.A.

Stock Exchange Listing

AMEX Symbol: DCG

Initial SEC Effective Date

10/21/88

The Net Asset Value appears in the following publications: Barron's, Closed-End Bond Funds section under the heading "Municipal Bond Funds" every Monday; Wall Street Journal, Mutual Funds section under the heading "Closed-End Bond Funds" every Monday; New York Times, Business section under the heading "Closed-End Bond Funds" National Municipal Bond Funds" every Sunday.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the fund may purchase shares of its common stock in the open market when it can do so at prices below the then current net asset value per share.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

Not applicable.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

Not applicable.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

Not applicable.

Item 6. [Reserved]

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management

Investment Companies.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Companies and

Affiliated Purchasers.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Fund has a Nominating Committee, which is responsible for selecting and nominating persons for election or appointment by the Fund's Board as Board members. The Committee has adopted a Nominating Committee Charter (□Charter□). Pursuant to the Charter, the Committee will consider recommendations for nominees from shareholders submitted to the Secretary of the Fund, c/o The Dreyfus Corporation Legal Department, 200 Park Avenue, 8th Floor West, New York, New York 10166. A nomination submission must include information regarding the recommended nominee as specified in the Charter. This information includes all information relating to a recommended nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations or proxy statements for the election of Board members, as well as information sufficient to evaluate the factors to be considered by the Committee, including character and integrity, business and professional experience, and whether the person has the ability to apply sound and independent business judgment and would act in the interests of the Fund and its shareholders. Nomination submissions are required to be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board and to serve if elected by the shareholders, and such additional information must be provided regarding the recommended nominee as reasonably requested by the Committee.

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Item 10. Controls and Procedures.

(a) The Registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers have concluded, based on their evaluation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant in the reports that it files or submits on Form N-CSR is accumulated and communicated to the Registrant's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There were no changes to the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recently ended fiscal half-year that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 11. Exhibits.

(a)(1) not applicable

(a)(2) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(a)(3) Not applicable.

(b) Certification of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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.

DREYFUS CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME, INC.

By:

/s/ Stephen E. Canter

Stephen E. Canter
President

Date: May 27, 2004

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: /s/ Stephen E. Canter
Stephen E. Canter
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 27, 2004

By: /s/James Windels
James Windels
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 27, 2004

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EXHIBIT INDEX

(a)(2) Certifications of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.CERT)

(b) Certification of principal executive and principal financial officers as required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940. (EX-99.906CERT)

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