

PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III
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QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act File Number: 811-21188

Registrant Name: PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund III

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Date of Fiscal Year End: September 30, 2010

Date of Reporting Period: June 30, 2010

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.

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments**PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund III Schedule of Investments**

June 30, 2010 (unaudited)

Principal

Amount (000s)		Credit Rating (Moody's/S&P)	Value*
CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL BONDS & NOTES 93.2%			
	Assoc. of Bay Area Gov't Finance Auth. for Nonprofit Corps. Rev., Odd Fellows Home of California, Ser. A (CA Mtg. Ins.), 5.20%, 11/15/22	NR/A-	\$ 3,255,136
\$ 3,200			
11,725	5.35%, 11/15/32	NR/A-	11,752,436
1,000	Cathedral City Public Financing Auth., Tax Allocation, 5.00%, 8/1/33, Ser. A (NPFGC)	Baa1/A	883,430
1,150	Ceres Redev. Agcy., Tax Allocation, Project Area No. 1, 5.00%, 11/1/33 (NPFGC)	Baa1/A	987,091
2,000	Chula Vista Rev., San Diego Gas & Electric, 5.875%, 2/15/34, Ser. B	Aa3/A+	2,235,580
550	City & Cnty. of San Francisco, Capital Improvement Projects, CP, 5.25%, 4/1/31, Ser. A	Aa3/AA-	561,935
1,415	Contra Costa Cnty. Public Financing Auth., Tax Allocation, 5.625%, 8/1/33, Ser. A	NR/BBB	1,332,293
3,775	Cucamonga School Dist., CP, 5.20%, 6/1/27 Educational Facs. Auth. Rev.,	NR/AA-	3,806,597
9,800	Claremont McKenna College, 5.00%, 1/1/39 (e)	Aa2/NR	10,156,426
3,300	Pepperdine Univ., 5.00%, 9/1/33, Ser. A (FGIC-NPFGC)	Aa3/A	3,317,160
10,000	Univ. of Southern California, 5.00%, 10/1/39, Ser. A (e)	Aa1/AA+	10,459,400
1,695	El Dorado Irrigation Dist. & El Dorado Water Agcy., CP, 5.75%, 8/1/39, Ser. A (AGC)	Aa3/AAA	1,774,207
11,000	Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp. Rev., 5.00%, 6/1/45 (AMBAC-TCRS)	A2/A-	9,889,770
4,000	5.00%, 6/1/45, Ser. A (FGIC-TCRS)	A2/A-	3,596,280
500	Hartnell Community College Dist., GO, zero coupon, 8/1/34, Ser. 2002-D (f)	Aa2/AA-	239,295
	Health Facs. Financing Auth. Rev., Adventist Health System, Ser. A, 5.00%, 3/1/33	NR/A	475,885
500			
4,000	5.75%, 9/1/39	NR/A	4,096,840
	Catholic Healthcare West, Ser. A, 6.00%, 7/1/34	A2/A	1,997,094
1,935			
4,000	6.00%, 7/1/39	A2/A	4,230,320
450	Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, 5.25%, 7/1/38 (AGM)	Aa3/AAA	445,437
500	Children's Hospital of Orange Cnty., 6.50%, 11/1/38, Ser. A	NR/A	538,295
6,000	Cottage Health System, 5.00%, 11/1/33, Ser. B (NPFGC)	Baa1/A+	5,573,220
	Paradise VY Estates, (CA Mtg. Ins.), 5.125%, 1/1/22	NR/A-	2,018,780
2,000			

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1,550	5.25%, 1/1/26	NR/A-	1,550,698
1,300	Scripps Health, 5.00%, 11/15/36, Ser. A	A1/AA-	1,279,330
	Infrastructure & Economic Dev. Bank Rev., Kaiser Hospital Assistance,		
3,000	5.50%, 8/1/31, Ser. B	WR/A	3,007,410
8,000	5.55%, 8/1/31, Ser. A	NR/A+	8,035,440
20	Lancaster Financing Auth., Tax Allocation, 4.75%, 2/1/34 (NPFGC)	Baa1/A	16,521
	Lancaster Redev. Agcy.		
150	Rev., Capital Improvements Projects, 5.90%, 12/1/35	NR/A	148,994
500	Tax Allocation, 6.875%, 8/1/39	NR/A	557,245
5,600	Long Beach Bond Finance Auth. Rev., Long Beach Natural Gas, 5.50%, 11/15/37, Ser. A	A2/A	5,370,512
5,000	Long Beach Unified School Dist., GO, 5.75%, 8/1/33, Ser. A	Aa2/AA-	5,426,150
	Los Angeles Department of Water & Power Rev. (e),		
6,000	4.75%, 7/1/30, Ser. A-2 (AGM)	Aa3/AAA	6,060,960
10,000	5.00%, 7/1/39, Ser. A	Aa3/AA-	10,363,700
	Los Angeles Unified School Dist., GO,		
9,580	4.75%, 1/1/28, Ser. A (NPFGC)	Aa2/AA-	9,490,140
10,000	5.00%, 1/1/34, Ser. I (e)	Aa2/AA-	10,021,400
550	Malibu, City Hall Project, CP, 5.00%, 7/1/39, Ser. A	NR/AA+	560,764

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\$ 1,000	Manteca Financing Auth. Sewer Rev., 5.75%, 12/1/36	Aa3/NR	1,059,510
5,000	Metropolitan Water Dist. of Southern California Rev., 5.00%, 7/1/37, Ser. A (e)	Aa1/AAA	5,233,800
2,980	Modesto Irrigation Dist., Capital Improvement Projects, CP, 5.00%, 7/1/33, Ser. A (NPFGC)	A1/A+	2,924,095
3,000	Montebello Unified School Dist., GO, 5.00%, 8/1/33 (AGM)	Aa3/AAA	3,051,690
200	M-S-R Energy Auth. Rev., 6.50%, 11/1/39, Ser. B	NR/A	216,914
5,000	Oakland, GO, 5.00%, 1/15/33, Ser. A (NPFGC)	Aa2/AA-	5,024,600
5,000	Orange Cnty. Unified School Dist., CP, 4.75%, 6/1/29 (NPFGC)	Aa3/A+	5,000,200
4,560	Orange Cnty. Water Dist. Rev., CP, Ser. B (NPFGC), 5.00%, 8/15/34	Aa1/AAA	4,642,445
965	5.00%, 8/15/34	WR/AAA	1,084,554
2,000	Palm Desert Financing Auth., Tax Allocation, 5.00%, 4/1/25, Ser. A (NPFGC)	Baa1/A	1,840,940
1,250	Peralta Community College Dist., GO, 5.00%, 8/1/39, Ser. C	NR/AA-	1,265,412
1,950	Poway Unified School Dist., Special Tax, 5.125%, 9/1/28	NR/BBB	1,832,454
5,000	Riverside, CP, 5.00%, 9/1/33 (AMBAC)	WR/A+	4,839,800
500	Rocklin Unified School Dist. Community Facs. Dist., Special Tax, 5.00%, 9/1/29 (NPFGC)	Baa1/A	460,485
3,250	Sacramento Municipal Utility Dist. Rev., 5.00%, 8/15/33, Ser. R (NPFGC)	A1/A+	3,255,395
6,250	San Diego Cnty. Water Auth., CP, 5.00%, 5/1/38, Ser. 2008-A (AGM)	Aa2/AAA	6,342,500
12,075	San Diego Community College Dist., GO, 5.00%, 5/1/28, Ser. A (AGM)	Aa1/AAA	12,513,926
2,000	San Diego Public Facs. Financing Auth. Rev., 5.25%, 5/15/39, Ser. A	Aa3/A+	2,089,160
2,200	San Diego Regional Building Auth. Rev., Cnty. Operations Center & Annex, 5.375%, 2/1/36, Ser. A	Aa3/AA+	2,319,548
1,500	San Diego State Univ. Foundation Rev., 5.00%, 3/1/27, Ser. A (NPFGC)	Baa1/A	1,506,750
1,000	San Jose, Libraries & Parks Project, GO, 5.125%, 9/1/31	Aaa/AAA	1,013,170
13,200	San Marcos Public Facs. Auth., Tax Allocation, 5.00%, 8/1/33, Ser. A (FGIC-NPFGC)	A2/A	11,661,276
500	Santa Clara Cnty. Financing Auth. Rev., 5.75%, 2/1/41, Ser. A (AMBAC)	A1/A+	527,255
1,200	Santa Cruz Cnty. Redev. Agcy., Tax Allocation, Live Oak/Soquel Community, 7.00%, 9/1/36, Ser. A	A1/A	1,338,024
4,425	South Tahoe JT Powers Financing Auth. Rev., South Tahoe Redev. Project, 5.45%, 10/1/33, Ser. 1-A	NR/BBB+	4,052,725
4,095	State Department Veteran Affairs Rev., 5.35%, 12/1/27, Ser. A (AMBAC)	Aa3/AA	4,141,888
2,000	State Public Works Board Rev., California State Univ., 6.00%, 11/1/34, Ser. J	Aa3/BBB+	2,095,740
2,050	Univ. CA M.I.N.D. Inst., 5.00%, 4/1/28, Ser. A	Aa2/AA-	2,074,395
7,300	State, GO, 6.00%, 4/1/38	A1/A-	7,736,686
500	Statewide Communities Dev. Auth. Rev., American Baptist Homes West, 6.25%, 10/1/39	NR/BBB-	501,330
1,200	Catholic Healthcare West, 5.50%, 7/1/31, Ser. D	A2/A	1,230,732
1,200	5.50%, 7/1/31, Ser. E	A2/A	1,230,732
1,000	Lancer Student Housing Project, 7.50%, 6/1/42	NR/NR	1,039,320
7,300	Los Angeles Jewish Home, 5.50%, 11/15/33 (CA St. Mtg.)	NR/A-	7,030,192

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15,000	Memorial Health Services, 5.50%, 10/1/33, Ser. A	WR/AA15,241,950
	Methodist Hospital Project, (FHA),	
2,000	6.625%, 8/1/29	Aa2/AA 2,292,700
7,200	6.75%, 2/1/38	Aa2/AA 8,205,264
3,100	St. Joseph, 5.75%, 7/1/47, Ser. A (FGIC)	A1/AA- 3,147,523
10,000	Sutter Health, 5.50%, 8/15/34, Ser. B	Aa3/A+10,082,400
3,505	The Internext Group, CP, 5.375%, 4/1/30	NR/BBB 3,280,154

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	Tobacco Securitization Agcy. Rev., Alameda Cnty., 5.875%, 6/1/35	Baa3/NR	\$ 6,964,542
\$ 8,100	7,000	Baa3/NR	5,471,200
2,000	Kern Cnty., 6.125%, 6/1/43, Ser. A	NR/BBB	1,614,820
5,000	Tobacco Securitization Auth. of Southern California Rev., 5.00%, 6/1/37, Ser. A-1	Baa3/BBB	3,756,750
2,950	Torrance Rev., Torrance Memorial Medical Center, 5.50%, 6/1/31, Ser. A	A1/A+	2,980,031
1,000	West Basin Municipal Water Dist., CP, 5.00%, 8/1/30, Ser. A (NPFGC)	Aa2/AA-	1,020,760
2,000	Western Municipal Water Dist. Facs. Auth. Rev., 5.00%, 10/1/39, Ser. B	NR/AA+	2,062,540
1,000	Westlake Village, CP, 5.00%, 6/1/39	NR/AA+	1,024,060
2,500	William S. Hart Union High School Dist., Special Tax, 6.00%, 9/1/33, Ser. 2002-1	NR/NR	2,391,450
2,750	Woodland Finance Auth.Rev., 5.00%, 3/1/32 (XLCA)	A1/NR	2,796,585
	Total California Municipal Bonds & Notes (cost \$319,519,404)		330,022,543

OTHER MUNICIPAL BONDS & NOTES 6.5%**Indiana 1.3%**

5,000	Vigo Cnty. Hospital Auth. Rev., Union Hospital, Inc., 5.75%, 9/1/42 (a)(b)	NR/NR	4,584,000
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New York 1.0%

3,300	New York City Municipal Water Finance Auth. Water & Sewer Rev., 5.00%, 6/15/37, Ser. D (e)	Aa1/AAA	3,425,565
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Puerto Rico 3.7%

1,000	Electric Power Auth. Rev., 5.25%, 7/1/40, Ser. XX	A3/BBB+	992,520
4,420	Public Buildings Auth. Gov t Facs. Rev., 5.00%, 7/1/36, Ser. I (GTD)	A3/BBB-	4,319,356
23,200	Sales Tax Financing Corp. Rev., zero coupon, 8/1/47, Ser. A (AMBAC)	Aa2/AA-	2,082,432
29,200	zero coupon, 8/1/54, Ser. A (AMBAC)	Aa2/AA-	1,648,340
26,300	zero coupon, 8/1/56, Ser. A	Aa2/AA-	1,285,807
3,000	5.25%, 8/1/41, Ser. C	A1/A+	2,954,670

			13,283,125
	South Dakota 0.5%		
2,000	Minnehaha Cnty. Rev., Bethany Lutheran, 5.50%, 12/1/35	NR/NR	1,625,740
	Total Other Municipal Bonds & Notes (cost \$24,706,876)		22,918,430
	CALIFORNIA VARIABLE RATE NOTES (a)(b)(c)(d) 0.3%		
1,000	Los Angeles Community College Dist., GO, 13.56%, 8/1/33, Ser. 3096 (cost \$996,617)	NR/AA	1,061,040
	Total Investments (cost \$345,222,897) 100.0%		\$ 354,002,013

Notes to Schedule of Investments:

* Portfolio securities and other financial instruments for which market quotations are readily available are stated at market value. Market value is generally determined on the basis of last reported sales prices, or if no sales are reported, on the basis of quotes obtained from a quotation reporting system, established market makers, or independent pricing services.

Portfolio securities and other financial instruments for which market quotations are not readily available, or for which a development/event occurs that may significantly impact the value of a security, are fair-valued, in good faith, pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Trustees, or persons acting at their discretion pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The Fund's investments are valued daily using prices supplied by an

independent pricing service or dealer quotations, or by using the last sale price on the exchange that is the primary market for such securities, or the mean between the last quoted bid and ask price for those securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market or for listed securities in which there were no sales.

Independent pricing services use information provided by market makers or estimates of market values obtained from yield data relating to investments or securities with similar characteristics.

Short-term securities maturing in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, if their original term to maturity was 60 days or less, or by amortizing their value on the 61st day prior to maturity, if the original term to maturity exceeded 60 days.

The prices used by the Fund to value securities may differ from the value that would be realized if the securities were sold and these

differences could be material. The Fund's net asset value is normally determined as of the close of regular trading (normally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on each day the NYSE is open for business.

- (a) Private Placement Restricted as to resale and may not have a readily available market. Securities with an aggregate value of \$5,645,040 representing 1.6% of total investments.
- (b) 144A Exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, typically only to qualified institutional buyers. Unless otherwise indicated, these securities are not considered to be illiquid.
- (c) Inverse Floater The interest rate shown bears an inverse relationship to the interest rate on another security or the value of an index. The interest rate disclosed

reflects the rate in effect on June 30, 2010.

(d) Variable Rate Notes Instruments whose interest rates change on specified date (such as a coupon date or interest payment date) and/or whose interest rates vary with changes in a designated base rate (such as the prime interest rate). The interest rate disclosed reflects the rate in effect on June 30, 2010.

(e) Residual Interest Bonds held in Trust Securities represent underlying bonds transferred to a separate securitization trust established in a tender option bond transaction in which the Fund acquired the residual interest certificates. These securities serve as collateral in a financing transaction.

(f) Step Bond Coupon is a fixed rate for an initial period then resets at a specific date and rate.

Glossary:

AGC insured by Assured Guaranty Corp.

AGM insured by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.

AMBAC insured by American Municipal Bond Assurance Corp.

CA Mtg. Ins. insured by California Mortgage Insurance

CA St. Mtg. insured by California State Mortgage

CP Certificates of Participation

FGIC insured by Financial Guaranty Insurance Co.

FHA insured by Federal Housing Administration

GO General Obligation Bond

GTD Guaranteed

NPFGC insured by National Public Finance Guarantee Corp.

NR Not Rated

TCRS Temporary Custodian Receipts

WR Withdrawn Rating

XLCA insured by XL Capital Assurance

Other Investments:

(A) The weighted average daily balance of reverse repurchase agreements outstanding during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 was \$543,919 at a weighted average interest rate of 0.63%. There were no open reverse repurchase agreements at June 30, 2010.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e. the exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical investments that the Fund has the ability to access

Level 2 valuations based on other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.) or quotes from inactive exchanges

Level 3 valuations based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

An investment asset's or liability's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level input, individually or in the aggregate, that is significant to fair value measurement. The objective of fair value measurement remains the same even when there is a significant decrease in the volume and level of activity for an asset or liability and regardless of the valuation technique used.

The valuation techniques used by the Fund to measure fair value during the nine months ended June 30, 2010 maximized the use of observable inputs and minimized the use of unobservable inputs.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period.

A summary of the inputs used at June 30, 2010 in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities is listed below:

	Level 1 - Quoted Prices	Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	Value at 6/30/10
Investments in Securities Assets				
California Municipal Bonds & Notes		\$330,022,543		\$330,022,543
Other Municipal Bonds & Notes		22,918,430		22,918,430
California Variable Rate Notes		1,061,040		1,061,040
Total Investments		\$354,002,013		\$354,002,013

There were no transfers into and out of Levels 1 and 2 during the nine months ended June 30, 2010.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures

(a) The registrant's President & Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, Principal Financial & Accounting Officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a -3(c))), are effective based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this document.

(b) There were no significant changes in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a -3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits

(a) Exhibit 99.302 Cert. Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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: PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund III

By /s/ Brian S. Shlissel

President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 17, 2010

By /s/ Lawrence G. Altadonna

Treasurer, Principal Financial & Accounting
Officer

Date: August 17, 2010

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/ Brian S. Shlissel

President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 17, 2010

By /s/ Lawrence G. Altadonna

Treasurer, Principal Financial & Accounting
Officer

Date: August 17, 2010