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MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES Investment Company Act File Number: 811-09153

Eaton Vance California Municipal Income Trust

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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November 30

Date of Fiscal Year End

May 31, 2011

Date of Reporting Period

Item 1. Reports to Stockholders

Eaton Vance Municipal Income Trusts

Semiannual Report May 31, 2011

> California (CEV) Massachusetts (MMV) Michigan (EMI) New Jersey (EVJ) New York (EVY) Ohio (EVO) Pennsylvania (EVP)

Fund shares are not insured by the FDIC and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Shares are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested.

Semiannual Report May 31, 2011

Eaton Vance

Municipal Income Trusts

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California Municipal Income Trust

May 31, 2011

Portfolio Manager Cynthia J. Clemson

| NYSE Amex Symbol Inception Date 1/29/99 | CEV |
|---|--------------------------------|
| % Average Annual Total Returns at net asset value (NAV) | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 0.23 -0.84 0.80 5.03 |
| % Average Annual Total Returns at market price, NYSE Amex | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | -0.30 -0.81 1.48 6.26 |
| % Premium/Discount to NAV (5/31/11) | -0.44 |
| % Market Yields ² | |
| Market Yield Taxable-Equivalent Market Yield | 7.45 12.81 |
| % Total Leverage ³ | |
| Auction Preferred Shares (APS) Residual Interest Bond (RIB) | 32.1 12.5 |
| Comparative Performance ⁴ | % Return |
| Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index | |
| Six Months One Year | 1.43 1.49 |

| Five Years | 3.51 |
|------------|------|
| Ten Years | 5.15 |

Lipper California Muni. Debt Funds Average at NAV*

| Six Months | 1.04 |
|------------|------|
| One Year | 1.17 |
| Five Years | 2.55 |
| Ten Years | 5.06 |

^{*} Source: Lipper.

Fund Profile

Credit Quality⁵ (% of total investments)

The above chart includes the ratings of securities held by special purpose vehicles established in connection with the RIB financing.³ Absent such securities the Fund s credit quality (% of total investments) is as follows:

| AAA | 11.2 | BBB | 7.2 |
|-----|------|-----------|-----|
| AA | 42.6 | BB | 1.3 |
| A | 30.1 | Not Rated | 7.6 |

See Endnotes and Additional Disclosures on page 9.

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Massachusetts Municipal Income Trust

May 31, 2011

Portfolio Manager Craig R. Brandon, CFA

| NYSE Amex Symbol Inception Date 1/29/99 | MMV |
|---|--------------------------------|
| % Average Annual Total Returns at NAV | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 0.32 -0.37 2.93 6.14 |
| % Average Annual Total Returns at market price, NYSE Amex | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | -1.64 -3.92 2.64 7.06 |
| % Premium/Discount to NAV (5/31/11) | -0.60 |
| % Market Yields ² | |
| Market Yield Taxable-Equivalent Market Yield | 6.83 11.10 |
| % Total Leverage ³ | |
| APS RIB | 32.6 7.9 |
| Comparative Performance ⁴ | % Return |
| Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years | 1.43 1.49 3.51 |

Ten Years 5.15

Fund Profile

Credit Quality⁵ (% of total investments)

The above chart includes the ratings of securities held by special purpose vehicles established in connection with the RIB financing.³ Absent such securities the Fund scredit quality (% of total investments) is as follows:

| AAA | 13.1 | BBB | 8.7 |
|-----|------|-----------|-----|
| AA | 37.7 | BB | 1.3 |
| A | 35.5 | Not Rated | 3.7 |

See Endnotes and Additional Disclosures on page 9.

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Michigan Municipal Income Trust

May 31, 2011

Portfolio Manager William H. Ahern, Jr., CFA

| NYSE Amex Symbol Inception Date 1/29/99 | EMI |
|---|------------------------------|
| % Average Annual Total Returns at NAV | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 2.91 1.83 3.11 5.53 |
| % Average Annual Total Returns at market price, NYSE Amex | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 3.37 2.47 3.64 6.43 |
| % Premium/Discount to NAV (5/31/11) | -5.64 |
| % Market Yields ² | |
| Market Yield Taxable-Equivalent Market Yield | 7.13 11.47 |
| % Total Leverage ³ | |
| APS | 39.3 |
| Comparative Performance ⁴ | % Return |
| Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 1.43 1.49 3.51 5.15 |

Lipper Michigan Muni. Debt Funds Average at NAV*

| Six Months | 2.53 |
|------------|------|
| One Year | 3.11 |
| Five Years | 4.02 |
| Ten Years | 5.42 |

^{*} Source: Lipper. Fund Profile

Credit Quality⁵ (% of total investments)

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in NAV or market price (as applicable) with all distributions reinvested. Fund performance at market price will differ from its results at NAV due to factors such as changing perceptions about the Fund, market conditions, fluctuations in supply and demand for Fund shares, or changes in Fund distributions. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance less than one year is cumulative. Performance is for the stated time period only; due to market volatility, current Fund performance may be lower or higher than the quoted return. For performance as of the most recent month end, please refer to www.eatonvance.com.

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New Jersey Municipal Income Trust

May 31, 2011

Portfolio Manager Adam A. Weigold, CFA

| NYSE Amex Symbol Inception Date 1/29/99 | EVJ |
|---|--------------------------------|
| % Average Annual Total Returns at NAV | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 1.41 -0.96 2.95 5.99 |
| % Average Annual Total Returns at market price, NYSE Amex | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | -0.01 -3.51 3.12 7.65 |
| % Premium/Discount to NAV (5/31/11) | 0.54 |
| % Market Yields ² | |
| Market Yield Taxable-Equivalent Market Yield | 7.29 12.32 |
| % Total Leverage ³ | |
| APS RIB | 31.8 10.7 |
| Comparative Performance ⁴ | % Return |
| Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years | 1.43 1.49 3.51 |

Ten Years 5.15

Lipper New Jersey Muni. Debt Funds Average at NAV*

| Six Months | 1.48 |
|------------|------|
| One Year | 1.76 |
| Five Years | 3.97 |
| Ten Years | 5.48 |

^{*} Source: Lipper. Fund Profile

Credit Quality⁵ (% of total investments)

The above chart includes the ratings of securities held by special purpose vehicles established in connection with the RIB bond financing.³ Absent such securities the Fund s credit quality (% of total investments) is as follows:

| AAA | 14.5 | BBB | 13.9 |
|-----|------|-----------|------|
| AA | 35.0 | В | 1.1 |
| A | 34.8 | Not Rated | 0.7 |

See Endnotes and Additional Disclosures on page 9.

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New York Municipal Income Trust

May 31, 2011

Portfolio Manager Craig R. Brandon, CFA

| NYSE Amex Symbol Inception Date 1/29/99 | EVY |
|---|--------------------------------|
| % Average Annual Total Returns at NAV | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 2.11 1.12 2.26 5.74 |
| % Average Annual Total Returns at market price, NYSE Amex | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | -0.04 -1.44 2.87 6.94 |
| % Premium/Discount to NAV (5/31/11) | -0.32 |
| % Market Yields ² | |
| Market Yield Taxable-Equivalent Market Yield | 7.08 11.97 |
| % Total Leverage ³ | |
| APS RIB | 27.1 16.4 |
| Comparative Performance ⁴ | % Return |
| Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years | 1.43 1.49 3.51 |

Ten Years 5.15

Lipper New York Muni. Debt Funds Average at NAV*

| Six Months | 1.60 |
|------------|------|
| One Year | 2.20 |
| Five Years | 3.34 |
| Ten Years | 5.38 |

^{*} Source: Lipper. Fund Profile

Credit Quality⁵ (% of total investments)

The above chart includes the ratings of securities held by special purpose vehicles established in connection with the RIB financing.³ Absent such securities the Fund s credit quality (% of total investments) is as follows:

| AAA | 14.6 | BB | 1.2 |
|-----|------|-----------|-----|
| AA | 34.3 | В | 1.5 |
| A | 27.8 | CC | 0.8 |
| BBB | 11.7 | Not Rated | 8.1 |

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Ohio Municipal Income Trust

May 31, 2011

Portfolio Manager William H. Ahern, Jr., CFA

| NYSE Amex Symbol Inception Date 1/29/99 | EVO |
|---|-------------------------------|
| % Average Annual Total Returns at NAV | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 0.90 -0.60 2.57 5.68 |
| % Average Annual Total Returns at market price, NYSE Amex | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | -0.75 0.73 3.56 6.47 |
| % Premium/Discount to NAV (5/31/11) | 0.23 |
| % Market Yields ² | |
| Market Yield Taxable-Equivalent Market Yield | 6.93 11.33 |
| % Total Leverage ³ | |
| APS RIB | 37.4 2.4 |
| Comparative Performance ⁴ | % Return |
| Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years | 1.43 1.49 3.51 |

Ten Years 5.15

Fund Profile

Credit Quality⁵ (% of total investments)

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Pennsylvania Municipal Income Trust

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Portfolio Manager Adam A. Weigold, CFA

| NYSE Amex Symbol Inception Date 1/29/99 | EVP |
|---|------------------------------|
| % Average Annual Total Returns at NAV | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 2.26 1.06 3.40 5.90 |
| % Average Annual Total Returns at market price, NYSE Amex | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years Ten Years | 3.99 0.91 3.82 7.32 |
| % Premium/Discount to NAV (5/31/11) | -1.37 |
| % Market Yields ² | |
| Market Yield Taxable-Equivalent Market Yield | 6.68 10.60 |
| % Total Leverage ³ | |
| APS RIB | 36.2 2.8 |
| Comparative Performance ⁴ | % Return |
| Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index | |
| Six Months One Year Five Years | 1.43 1.49 3.51 |

Ten Years 5.15

Lipper Pennsylvania Muni. Debt Funds Average at NAV*

| Six Months | 2.14 |
|------------|------|
| One Year | 2.64 |
| Five Years | 3.88 |
| Ten Years | 5.56 |

^{*} Source: Lipper. Fund Profile

Credit Quality⁵ (% of total investments)

The above chart includes the ratings of securities held by special purpose vehicles established in connection with the RIB financing.³ Absent such securities the Fund s credit quality (% of total investments) is as follows:

| AAA | 3.7 | BB | 1.1 |
|-----|------|-----------|-----|
| AA | 47.3 | CCC | 1.9 |
| A | 35.3 | CC | 0.6 |
| BBB | 4.3 | Not Rated | 5.8 |

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Endnotes and Additional Disclosures

- 1. Performance results reflect the effects of leverage.
- ^{2.} Market yields are calculated by dividing the last regular distribution per share (annualized) by the market price. Taxable-equivalent performance is based on the highest combined federal and state income tax rates (41.86% for CA, 38.45% for MA, 37.83% for MI, 40.83% for NJ, 40.83% for NY, 38.85% for OH, 37.00% for PA). Lower tax rates would result in lower tax-equivalent performance. Actual tax rate will vary depending on your income, exemptions and deductions. Rates do not include local taxes. The distribution declared on May 31, 2011 reflects a reduction of the monthly distribution for the Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio Funds. Distributions may be comprised of tax-exempt income, ordinary income, net realized capital gains and return of capital.
- 3. RIB leverage represents the amount of Floating Rate Notes outstanding as a percentage of Fund net assets applicable to common shares plus APS and Floating Rate Notes. See Floating Rate Notes Issued in Conjunction with Securities Held in the Notes to the financial statements for more information about RIB financing. APS leverage represents the liquidation value of the Fund s APS outstanding as a percentage of Fund net assets applicable to common shares plus APS and Floating Rate Notes. Use of leverage creates an opportunity for income, but creates risks including greater price volatility. The cost of leverage rises and falls with changes in short-term interest rates. The Fund is required to maintain prescribed asset coverage for its APS, which could be reduced if Fund asset values decline. Floating Rate Notes in both calculations reflect the effect of RIBs purchased in secondary market transactions, if applicable.
- ^{4.} The Barclays Capital Long (22+) Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index of municipal bonds traded in the U.S. with maturities of 22 years or more. Unless otherwise stated, indices do not reflect any applicable sales charges, commissions, leverage, taxes or other expenses of investing. Lipper Average reflects the average annual total return of funds in the same Lipper classification as the Fund. It is not possible to invest directly in an index or Lipper classification.
- ⁵. Ratings are based on Moody, S&P or Fitch, as applicable. Credit ratings are based largely on the rating agency s investment analysis at the time of rating and the rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer s current financial condition. The rating assigned to a security by a rating agency does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of a security s market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. If securities are rated differently by the rating agencies, the higher rating is shown.

Fund profile subject to change due to active management.

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Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Tax-Exempt Investments 177.9%

| | Principal Amount | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|--|
| Security | (000 s omitted) | Value | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Education 22.1% | | | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (Claremont | | | |
| McKenna College), 5.00%, 1/1/39 | \$ 3,135 | \$ 3,171,366 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (Harvey Mudd | | | |
| College), 5.25%, 12/1/31 | 195 | 201,441 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (Harvey Mudd | | | |
| College), 5.25%, 12/1/36 | 275 | 276,213 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (Loyola | | | |
| Marymount University), 5.00%, 10/1/30 | 745 | 743,577 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (Lutheran | | | |
| University), 5.00%, 10/1/29 | 2,770 | 2,539,204 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (Santa Clara | | | |
| University), 5.00%, 9/1/23 | 1,600 | 1,803,632 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (Stanford | | | |
| University), 5.125%, 1/1/31 ⁽¹⁾ | 4,000 | 4,010,240 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (University of San | | | |
| Francisco), 6.125%, 10/1/36 | 235 | 247,290 | |
| California Educational Facilities Authority, (University of | | | |
| Southern California), 5.25%, 10/1/39 | 2,490 | 2,609,346 | |
| San Diego County, Certificates of Participation, (University of | | | |
| San Diego), 5.375%, 10/1/41 | 2,500 | 2,220,850 | |
| University of California, 5.25%, 5/15/39 | 1,250 | 1,288,887 | |
| | | | |

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