

PIMCO CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND III
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FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

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| Investment Company Act File Number: | 811-21188 |
| Registrant Name: | PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund III |
| | 1633 Broadway |
| Address of Principal Executive Offices: | New York, NY 10019 |
| Name and Address of Agent for Service: | William G. Galipeau |
| | 650 Newport Center Drive |
| | Newport Beach, CA 92660 |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: | (844) 337-4626 |
| Date of Fiscal Year End: | September 30 |
| Date of Reporting Period: | December 31, 2014 |

Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Schedule of Investments

PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund III

December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

| | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000s) | MARKET VALUE (000s) |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES 169.0% | | |
| MUNICIPAL BONDS & NOTES 161.6% | | |
| CALIFORNIA 157.5% | | |
| Bay Area Toll Authority, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 | | |
| 5.000% due 04/01/2034 | \$ 1,250 | \$ 1,416 |
| Bay Area Toll Authority, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.250% due 04/01/2048 | 8,000 | 9,216 |
| California County Tobacco Securitization Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2002 | | |
| 5.875% due 06/01/2035 | 8,100 | 8,100 |
| 6.000% due 06/01/2042 | 7,000 | 7,161 |
| California County Tobacco Securitization Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 | | |
| 5.600% due 06/01/2036 | 2,000 | 1,802 |
| California Educational Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 01/01/2039 (b) | 9,800 | 10,834 |
| 5.000% due 10/01/2039 (b) | 10,000 | 11,120 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, (IBC/NPFGC Insured), Series 2007 | | |
| 5.000% due 11/15/2042 | 500 | 534 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, (NPFGC Insured), Series 2003 | | |
| 5.000% due 11/01/2033 | 6,000 | 6,011 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/15/2038 | 5,000 | 5,400 |
| 5.250% due 11/15/2040 | 4,550 | 5,372 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.750% due 09/01/2039 | 4,000 | 4,568 |
| 6.000% due 07/01/2039 | 4,000 | 4,576 |
| 6.500% due 11/01/2038 | 500 | 614 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 | | |
| 5.000% due 11/15/2036 | 1,300 | 1,475 |

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| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/15/2035 | 1,000 | 1,124 |
| 6.000% due 08/15/2042 | 1,200 | 1,445 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/15/2051 | 8,305 | 9,212 |
| California Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/15/2052 | 650 | 727 |
| California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 02/01/2039 | 10,000 | 11,203 |
| California Municipal Finance Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 | | |
| 7.750% due 04/01/2031 | 870 | 1,067 |
| California Pollution Control Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 | | |
| 5.250% due 08/01/2040 | 1,250 | 1,348 |
| California State General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 6.000% due 04/01/2038 | 7,300 | 8,668 |
| California State General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 11/01/2043 | 5,000 | 5,711 |
| California State Public Works Board Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 6.000% due 11/01/2034 | 2,000 | 2,379 |
| California State Public Works Board Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 03/01/2038 | 2,500 | 2,815 |
| California State University Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 | | |
| 5.000% due 11/01/2042 | 9,200 | 10,327 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority Certificates of Participation Bonds, Series 1999 | | |
| 5.375% due 04/01/2030 | 945 | 948 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue Bonds, (FGIC Insured), Series 2007 | | |
| 5.750% due 07/01/2047 | 3,100 | 3,449 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue Bonds, (FHA Insured), Series 2009 | | |
| 6.625% due 08/01/2029 | 1,780 | 2,173 |
| 6.750% due 02/01/2038 | 6,430 | 7,754 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 | | |
| 5.000% due 03/01/2041 | 4,500 | 4,682 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 | | |
| 5.500% due 11/01/2038 | 1,300 | 1,367 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 | | |
| 5.500% due 07/01/2031 | 2,030 | 2,256 |

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| California Statewide Communities Development Authority | | |
| Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 | | |
| 6.250% due 10/01/2039 | 500 | 564 |
| 7.500% due 06/01/2042 | 1,000 | 1,113 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority | | |
| Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 | | |
| 5.000% due 12/01/2041 | 11,000 | 12,217 |
| 6.000% due 08/15/2042 | 1,800 | 2,167 |
| 6.500% due 11/01/2021 | 365 | 400 |
| California Statewide Communities Development Authority | | |
| Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 | | |
| 5.000% due 04/01/2042 | 11,220 | 12,431 |
| 5.375% due 05/15/2038 | 2,000 | 2,239 |
| Ceres Redevelopment Agency, California Tax Allocation | | |
| Bonds, (NPFGC Insured), Series 2003 | | |
| 5.000% due 11/01/2033 | 1,150 | 1,155 |

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| Chula Vista, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 | | |
| 5.875% due 02/15/2034 | 2,000 | 2,385 |
| Contra Costa County, California Public Financing Authority Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2003 | | |
| 5.625% due 08/01/2033 | 1,415 | 1,415 |
| Golden State, California Tobacco Securitization Corp. Revenue Bonds, (AMBAC Insured), Series 2005 | | |
| 5.000% due 06/01/2045 | 11,000 | 11,188 |
| Golden State, California Tobacco Securitization Corp. Revenue Bonds, (FGIC Insured), Series 2005 | | |
| 5.000% due 06/01/2045 | 4,000 | 4,069 |
| Golden State, California Tobacco Securitization Corp. Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 | | |
| 5.750% due 06/01/2047 | 29,585 | 24,448 |
| JPMorgan Chase Putters/Drivers Trust, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2037 (b) | 5,000 | 5,476 |
| Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, California Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 6.875% due 08/01/2039 | 500 | 610 |
| Long Beach Unified School District, California General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.750% due 08/01/2033 | 5,000 | 5,827 |
| Long Beach, California Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 | | |
| 5.000% due 06/01/2040 | 2,120 | 2,267 |
| Los Angeles Community College District, California General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 14.038% due 08/01/2033 (c) | 1,000 | 1,415 |
| Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2039 (b) | 10,000 | 11,250 |
| Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 | | |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2037 | 2,000 | 2,303 |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2043 | 2,115 | 2,392 |
| Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 | | |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2043 | 3,000 | 3,449 |
| Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 | | |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2044 (a) | 3,500 | 4,046 |
| Los Angeles Unified School District, California General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 01/01/2034 (b) | 10,000 | 11,276 |
| M-S-R Energy Authority, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 6.500% due 11/01/2039 | 3,825 | 5,202 |

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| Malibu, California Certificates of Participation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2039 | 550 | 606 |
| Manteca Financing Authority, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.750% due 12/01/2036 | 1,000 | 1,175 |
| Montebello Unified School District, California General Obligation Bonds, (AGM Insured), Series 2008 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/01/2033 | 3,000 | 3,302 |
| Peralta Community College District, California General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/01/2039 | 1,250 | 1,393 |
| Poway Unified School District, California Special Tax Bonds, Series 2005 | | |
| 5.125% due 09/01/2028 | 1,880 | 1,904 |
| Regents of the University of California Medical Center Pooled Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 05/15/2043 | 5,000 | 5,605 |
| Rocklin Unified School District Community Facilities District, California Special Tax Bonds, (NPFGC Insured), Series 2004 | | |
| 5.000% due 09/01/2029 | 500 | 501 |
| Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/15/2037 | 3,000 | 3,467 |
| San Diego County, California Regional Airport Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 07/01/2043 | 1,325 | 1,478 |
| San Diego County, California Water Authority Certificates of Participation Bonds, (AGM Insured), Series 2008 | | |
| 5.000% due 05/01/2038 | 6,250 | 6,815 |
| San Diego Public Facilities Financing Authority Sewer, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.250% due 05/15/2039 | 4,000 | 4,552 |
| San Diego Regional Building Authority, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.375% due 02/01/2036 | 2,200 | 2,467 |
| San Francisco, California City & County Certificates of Participation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.250% due 04/01/2031 | 550 | 619 |
| San Francisco, California City & County Redevelopment Agency Special Tax Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/01/2028 | 1,505 | 1,662 |
| San Jose, California Hotel Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 | | |
| 6.500% due 05/01/2036 | 1,500 | 1,848 |
| San Marcos Public Facilities Authority, California Tax Allocation Bonds, (FGIC Insured), Series 2003 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/01/2033 | 12,200 | 12,236 |
| San Marcos Unified School District, California General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/01/2038 | 1,000 | 1,112 |

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| Santa Clara County, California Financing Authority Revenue Bonds, (AMBAC Insured), Series 2007 | | |
| 5.750% due 02/01/2041 | 500 | 548 |
| Santa Cruz County, California Redevelopment Agency Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 7.000% due 09/01/2036 | 1,200 | 1,404 |
| South Tahoe Joint Powers Financing Authority, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 | | |
| 5.450% due 10/01/2033 | 4,425 | 4,426 |
| Torrance, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 | | |
| 5.500% due 06/01/2031 | 2,950 | 2,958 |
| Washington Township Health Care District, California General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013 | | |
| 5.000% due 08/01/2043 | 2,500 | 2,775 |
| Western Municipal Water District Facilities Authority, California Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 10/01/2039 | 2,000 | 2,233 |

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| Westlake Village, California Certificates of Participation Bonds, Series 2009 | | |
| 5.000% due 06/01/2039 | 1,000 | 1,049 |
| | | 354,293 |
| INDIANA 2.3% | | |
| Vigo County, Indiana Hospital Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 | | |
| 5.750% due 09/01/2042 | 5,000 | 5,063 |
| NEW JERSEY 0.3% | | |
| Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., New Jersey Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 | | |
| 4.750% due 06/01/2034 | 1,000 | 749 |
| NEW YORK 1.5% | | |
| New York City, New York Water & Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 | | |
| 5.000% due 06/15/2037 (b) | 3,300 | 3,369 |
| Total Municipal Bonds & Notes | | 363,474 |
| (Cost \$324,099) | | |
| SHORT-TERM INSTRUMENTS 7.4% | | |
| REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (d) 3.7% | | 8,400 |
| SHORT-TERM NOTES 3.7% | | |
| Fannie Mae | | |
| 0.071% due 04/27/2015 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank | | |
| 0.091% due 03/13/2015 | 6,500 | 6,499 |
| | | 8,299 |
| Total Short-Term Instruments | | 16,699 |
| (Cost \$16,699) | | |
| Total Investments in Securities | | 380,173 |
| (Cost \$340,798) | | |
| Total Investments 169.0% | \$ | 380,173 |
| (Cost \$340,798) | | |
| Preferred Shares (55.6%) | | (125,000) |

Other Assets and Liabilities, net (13.4%) (30,202)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders 100.0% \$ 224,971

Notes to Schedule of Investments (amounts in thousands*):

* A zero balance may reflect actual amounts rounding to less than one thousand.

(a) When-issued security.

(b) 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.

(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 December 31, 2014.

(d) Repurchase Agreements:

| Counterparty | Lending Rate | Settlement Date | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Collateralized By | Collateral Received, at Value | Repurchase Agreements at Value | Repurchase Agreements Proceeds to be Received |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | 0.140% | 12/31/2014 | 01/02/2015 | \$ 8,400 | U.S. Treasury Notes 2.500% due 05/15/2024 | \$ (8,588) | \$ 8,400 | \$ 8,400 |
| Total Repurchase Agreements | | | | | | \$ (8,588) | \$ 8,400 | \$ 8,400 |

(1) Includes accrued interest.

Fair Value Measurements

The following is a summary of the fair valuations according to the inputs used as of December 31, 2014 in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities:

| Category and Subcategory | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Fair Value at 12/31/2014 |
|--|---------|------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Investments in Securities, at Value | | | | |
| Municipal Bonds & Notes | | | | |
| California | \$ 0 | \$ 354,293 | \$ 0 | \$ 354,293 |
| Indiana | 0 | 5,063 | 0 | 5,063 |
| New Jersey | 0 | 749 | 0 | 749 |

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|------------------------|------|------------|------|------------|
| New York | 0 | 3,369 | 0 | 3,369 |
| Short-Term Instruments | | | | |
| Repurchase Agreements | 0 | 8,400 | 0 | 8,400 |
| Short-Term Notes | 0 | 8,299 | 0 | 8,299 |
| Total Investments | \$ 0 | \$ 380,173 | \$ 0 | \$ 380,173 |

There were no significant transfers between Level 1, 2, and 3 during the period ended December 31, 2014.

See Accompanying Notes

Notes to Financial Statements

1. INVESTMENT VALUATION AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

(a) Investment Valuation Policies The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund 's shares is valued as of the close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) (the NYSE Close) on each day that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open (each a Business Day). Information that becomes known to the Fund or its agents after the NAV has been calculated on a particular day will not generally be used to retroactively adjust the price of a security or the NAV determined earlier that day.

For purposes of calculating the NAV, portfolio securities and other financial derivative instruments are valued on each Business Day using valuation methods as adopted by the Board of Trustees (the Board) of the Fund. The Board has formed a Valuation Committee whose function is to monitor the valuation of portfolio securities and other financial derivative instruments and, as required by the Fund 's valuation policies, determine in good faith the fair value of portfolio holdings after consideration of all relevant factors, including recommendations provided by the investment manager (the Manager). The Board has delegated responsibility for applying the valuation methods to the Manager. The Manager monitors the continual appropriateness of methods applied and determines if adjustments should be made in light of market factor changes and events affecting issuers.

Where market quotes are readily available, fair market value is generally determined on the basis of official closing prices or the last reported sales prices, or if no sales are reported, based on quotes obtained from a quotation reporting system, established market makers, or pricing services. Where market quotes are not readily available, portfolio securities and other financial derivative instruments are valued at fair value, as determined in good faith by the Board, its Valuation Committee, or the Manager pursuant to instructions from the Board or its Valuation Committee. Market quotes are considered not readily available in circumstances where there is an absence of current or reliable market-based data (e.g., trade information, bid/ask information, or broker quotes), including where events occur after the close of the relevant market, but prior to the NYSE Close, that materially affect the values of the Fund 's securities or financial derivative instruments. In addition, market quotes are considered not readily available when, due to extraordinary circumstances, the exchanges or markets on which securities trade do not open for trading for the entire day and no other market prices are available. The Board has delegated to the Manager, PIMCO, the responsibility for monitoring significant events that may materially affect the values of the Fund 's securities or financial derivative instruments and for determining whether the value of the applicable securities or financial derivative instruments should be re-evaluated in light of such significant events.

The Board has adopted methods for valuing securities and other financial derivative instruments that may require fair valuation under particular circumstances. The Manager monitors the continual appropriateness of fair valuation methods applied and determines if adjustments should be made in light of market changes, events affecting the issuer, or other factors. If the Manager determines that a fair valuation method may no longer be appropriate, another valuation method may be selected, or the Valuation Committee will take any appropriate action in accordance with procedures set forth by the Board. The Board reviews the appropriateness of the valuation methods from time to time and these methods may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Valuation Committee.

In circumstances in which daily market quotes are not readily available, investments may be valued pursuant to guidelines established by the Board. In the event that the security or asset cannot be valued pursuant to the established guidelines, the value of the security or other financial derivative instrument will be determined in good faith by the Valuation Committee of the Board, generally based upon recommendations provided by PIMCO. These methods may require subjective determinations about the value of a security. While the Fund 's policy is intended to result in a calculation of the Fund 's NAV that fairly reflects security values as of the time of pricing, the Fund cannot guarantee that values determined by the Board or persons acting at their direction would accurately reflect the price that the Fund could obtain for a security if it were to dispose of that security as of the time of pricing (for instance, in a forced

or distressed sale). The prices used by the Fund may differ from the value that would be realized if the securities were sold.

(b) Fair Value Hierarchy U.S. GAAP describes fair market value as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods and requires disclosure of the fair value hierarchy, separately for each major category of assets and liabilities, that segregates fair value measurements into levels (Level 1, 2, and 3). The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Levels 1, 2, and 3 of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1 Inputs using (unadjusted) quoted prices in active markets or exchanges for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 Significant other observable inputs, which may include, but are not limited to, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in markets that are active, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities (such as interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates) or other market corroborated inputs.

Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs based on the best information available in the circumstances, to the extent observable inputs are not available, which may include assumptions made by the Board or persons acting at their direction that are used in determining the fair value of investments.

Assets or liabilities categorized as Level 2 or 3 as of period end have been transferred between Levels 2 and 3 since the prior period due to changes in the valuation method utilized in valuing the investments. Transfers from Level 3 to Level 2 are a result of the availability of current and reliable market-based data provided by third-party pricing services or other valuation techniques which utilize significant observable inputs. In accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP, the amounts of transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and transfers in and out of Level 3, if material, are disclosed in the Notes to Schedule of Investments for the Fund.

In accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP, the amounts of transfers between Levels 1 and 2 and transfers in and out of Level 3, if material, are disclosed in the Notes to Schedule of Investments for the Fund.

For fair valuations using significant unobservable inputs, U.S. GAAP requires a reconciliation of the beginning to ending balances for reported fair values that presents changes attributable to total realized and unrealized gains or losses, purchases and sales, and transfers in or out of the Level 3 category during the period. The end of period timing recognition is used for the transfers between Levels of the Fund's assets and liabilities. Additionally, U.S. GAAP requires quantitative information regarding the significant unobservable inputs used in the determination of fair value of assets or liabilities categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. In accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP, a fair value hierarchy, and if material, a Level 3 reconciliation and details of significant unobservable inputs, have been included in the Notes to Schedule of Investments for the Fund.

(c) Valuation Techniques and the Fair Value Hierarchy

Level 1 and Level 2 trading assets and trading liabilities, at fair market value The valuation methods (or techniques) and significant inputs used in determining the fair market values of portfolio securities or financial derivative instruments categorized as Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

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Fixed income securities including corporate, convertible and municipal bonds and notes, U.S. government agencies, U.S. treasury obligations, sovereign issues, bank loans, convertible preferred securities and non-U.S. bonds are normally valued by pricing service providers that use broker-dealer quotations, reported trades or valuation estimates from their internal pricing models. The service providers' internal models use inputs that are observable such as issuer details, interest rates, yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks/spreads, default rates and quoted prices for similar assets. Securities that use similar valuation techniques and inputs as described above are categorized as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Short-term investments having a maturity of 60 days or less and repurchase agreements are generally valued at amortized cost which approximates fair market value. These investments are categorized as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

2. FEDERAL INCOME TAX MATTERS

The Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and distribute all of its taxable income and net realized gains, if applicable, to shareholders. Accordingly, no provision for Federal income taxes has been made.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Manager has reviewed the Fund's tax positions for all open tax years. As of December 31, 2014, the Fund has recorded no liability for net unrecognized tax benefits relating to uncertain income tax positions it has taken or expects to take in future tax returns.

The Fund files U.S. tax returns. While the statute of limitations remains open to examine the Fund's U.S. tax returns filed for the fiscal years from 2011-2013, no examinations are in progress or anticipated at this time. The Fund is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

As of December 31, 2014, the aggregate cost and the net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments for federal income tax purposes are as follows (amounts in thousands):

| Federal Tax Cost | Aggregate Gross Unrealized Appreciation | Aggregate Gross Unrealized (Depreciation) | Net Unrealized Appreciation/ Appreciation (1) |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| \$ 340,798 | \$ 40,877 | \$ (1,501) | \$ 39,375 |

(1) Primary differences, if any, between book and tax net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) are typically attributable to wash sale loss deferrals, straddle loss deferrals, swap contracts, sale-buyback transactions, and accelerated recognition of unrealized gain on certain futures and forward contracts for federal income tax purposes.

Glossary: (abbreviations that may be used in the preceding statements)

(Unaudited)

Counterparty Abbreviations:

SAL Citigroup Global Markets,
Inc.

Currency Abbreviations:

USD (or \$) United States Dollar

Municipal Bond or Agency

Abbreviations:

| | | | | | |
|-------|--|------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|
| AGM | Assured Guaranty Municipal | FGIC | Financial Guaranty Insurance Co. | IBC | Insured Bond Certificate |
| AMBAC | American Municipal Bond Assurance Corp. | FHA | Federal Housing Administration | NPFGC | National Public Finance Guarantee Corp. |

Item 2. Controls and Procedures

(a) The registrant's President, Principal 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 control 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 separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial & accounting officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2 under the 1940 Act is attached as Exhibit 99.CERT.

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.

PIMCO California Municipal Income Fund III

By: /s/ Peter G. Strelow
Peter G. Strelow
President, Principal Executive Officer

Date: February 27, 2015

By: /s/ William G. Galipeau
William G. Galipeau, Treasurer,
Principal Financial & Accounting Officer

Date: February 27, 2015

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/ Peter G. Strelow
Peter G. Strelow,
President, Principal Executive Officer

Date: February 27, 2015

By: /s/ William G. Galipeau
William G. Galipeau, Treasurer,
Principal Financial & Accounting Officer

Date: February 27, 2015