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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

MOLLY C. DWYER, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

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SUSAN SOTO PALMER, et al.;

Plaintiffs - Appellees,

v.

STEVEN HOBBS, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Washington and STATE OF WASHINGTON, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Washington,

Defendants - Appellees,

JOSE A. TREVINO, et al.;

Intervenor-Defendants - Appellants.

D.C. No. 3:22-cv-05035-RSL Western District of Washington, Tacoma

ORDER

No. 24-1602

Before: IKUTA, FRIEDLAND, and MENDOZA, Circuit Judges.

The unopposed motions for leave to file an overlength brief (Docket Entry

No. 5) and to file a consolidated reply (Docket Entry No. 14) in support of

appellants' motion for a stay pending appeal are granted.

The motion to construe appellants' stay motion as a motion for

reconsideration of this court's denial of appellants' motion for a stay pending

appeal in No. 23-35595 (Docket Entry No. 9) is denied.

FILED

We deny appellants' motion to stay the district court's March 15, 2024, order pending this appeal (Docket Entry Nos. 4, 6, 7). Appellants have not carried their burden to demonstrate that they have the requisite standing to support jurisdiction at this stage of the proceedings. This denial is without prejudice to the parties renewing their respective arguments regarding appellants' standing, or to the parties making any other jurisdictional arguments, before the panel eventually assigned to decide the merits of this appeal. *See E. Bay Sanctuary Covenant v. Biden*, 993 F.3d 640, 662 (9th Cir. 2021) (observing that the motions panel's denial of a stay pending appeal did not preclude the merits panel from revisiting the question of standing); *see also Nat'l Indus. v. Republic Nat'l Life Ins. Co.*, 677 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1982) (noting that a merits panel may consider appellate jurisdiction despite an earlier denial of a motion to dismiss).

The existing briefing schedule remains in effect.