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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

SHELBY BYRD,

Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

ERIC ARNOLD, Acting Warden,

Respondent-Appellee.

No. 11-16366

D.C. No. 2:10-cv-01871-MCE

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of California  
Morrison C. England, Jr., District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 8, 2017\*\*

Before: LEAVY, W. FLETCHER, and OWENS, Circuit Judges.

Shelby Byrd appeals pro se from the district court's judgment denying his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas petition challenging a 2009 decision by the Board of Parole Hearings denying parole and deferring his next parole hearing for three years in accordance with California Penal Code § 3041.5 ("Marsy's Law"). We dismiss.

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

This court issued a certificate of appealability (“COA”) on whether application of Marsy’s Law to delay Byrd’s next parole hearing for three years violates the Ex Post Facto Clause, and whether Byrd’s membership in a class action precludes his individual litigation of this claim in habeas. We vacate the COA as improvidently granted and dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction. *See Nettles v. Grounds*, 830 F.3d 922, 934-35 (9th Cir. 2016) (en banc) (holding that claims fall outside “the core of habeas corpus” if success will not necessarily lead to immediate or earlier release from confinement), *cert. denied*, 580 U.S. \_\_ (U.S. Jan. 19, 2017) (No. 16-6556); *Phelps v. Alameda*, 366 F.3d 722, 727-28, 730 (9th Cir. 2004) (merits panel has the power to rule on the propriety of a COA).

The dismissal of this appeal does not preclude Byrd from pursuing conditions of confinement claims in a properly filed civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

**DISMISSED.**