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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DONOVAN DEWAYNE PULLEN,
Petitioner,
v.
JOE LIZARRAGA,
Respondent.

1:16 -cv-00118 JLT (HC)
ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
(Doc.11)

Petitioner has requested the Court appoint him counsel, citing his lack of knowledge of the legal system, his lack of education, and the unavailability of a "jailhouse lawyer." There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See, e.g., Anderson v. Heinze, 258 F.2d 479, 481 (9th Cir. 1958); Mitchell v. Wyrick, 727 F.2d 773, 774 (8th Cir. 1984). However, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B) authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case if "the interests of justice so require." See Rule 8(c), Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. In the present case, the Court does not find that the interests of justice require the appointment of counsel at the present time. Accordingly, Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 3, 2016

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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