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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ERIK DANIEL RAMIREZ,
Petitioner,
v.
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
AND REHABILITATION, et al.,
Respondent.

1:17 -cv-00029-LJO-JLT (HC)
ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
(Doc. 26)

Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. 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, the Court hereby order that Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 24, 2017

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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