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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 CARL E. HILL,

11 Petitioner,

No. CIV S-12-0595 EFB P

12 vs.

13 CONNIE GIBSON,

14 Respondent.

ORDER

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16 Petitioner is a state prisoner without counsel seeking a writ of habeas corpus. *See* 28
17 U.S.C. § 2254. He has requested that the court appoint counsel. There currently exists no
18 absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. *See Nevius v. Sumner*, 105 F.3d
19 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). The court may appoint counsel at any stage of the proceedings “if the
20 interests of justice so require.” *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A; *see also*, Rule 8(c), Rules Governing
21 Section 2254 Cases. The court does not find that the interests of justice would be served by the
22 appointment of counsel at this stage of the proceedings.

23 Accordingly, it hereby is ORDERED that petitioner’s March 8, 2012 motion for
24 appointment of counsel is denied without prejudice.

25 DATED: March 13, 2012.

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EDMUND F. BRENNAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE