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

RICHARD VINCENT ROOD,

Petitioner,

No. 2:12-cv-1476 AC P

vs.

GARY SWARTHOUT,

Respondent.

ORDER

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Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. ECF No. 21. There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case “if the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of justice would be served by the appointment of counsel at the present time.

Petitioner also seeks an extension of time to file his traverse. ECF No. 21. Good cause appearing, the court will grant petitioner a second extension of time to file his traverse. Petitioner shall file and serve his traverse within 60 days of the filing date of this order. Petitioner is advised that further requests for an extension shall be disfavored.

