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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL JASTRAUB,
Petitioner,
v.
SCOTT FRAUENHEIM,
Respondent.

No. 2:13-cv-1036 JAM GGH P

ORDER

Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel.¹ 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.

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¹ Petitioner’s objections to the findings and recommendations, filed within the same document, will be addressed through a separate order by the district court at a later time.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's request for appointment of counsel (ECF No. 41) is denied without prejudice to a renewal of the motion at a later stage of the proceedings.

Dated: April 5, 2016

/s/ Gregory G. Hollows

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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