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| 9  | FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA   |                            |  |
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| 11 | GERALD JONES,  | No. 2:14-cv-0987 TLN CKD P |  |
| 12 | Plaintiff,   |                            |  |
| 13 | v.   | <u>ORDER</u>               |  |
| 14 | C. CLARK, et al.,  |                            |  |
| 15 | Defendants.  |                            |  |
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| 17 | Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme Court has                |                            |  |
| 18 | ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent prisoners in § 1983 |                            |  |
| 19 | cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In certain exceptional          |                            |  |
| 20 | circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §       |                            |  |
| 21 | 1915(e)(1). Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991); Wood v. Housewright, 900           |                            |  |
| 22 | F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court does not find the required          |                            |  |
| 23 | exceptional circumstances. Plaintiff's request for the appointment of counsel will therefore be        |                            |  |
| 24 | denied.  |                            |  |
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| 1  | Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for the appointment of |                                |
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| 2  | counsel (ECF No. 68) is denied.   |                                |
| 3  | Dated: March 15, 2016   | Carop U. Delany                |
| 4  |   | CAROLYN K. DELANEY             |
| 5  | _   | UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE |
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