

1 [and] the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the
2 legal issues involved.” *Rand*, 113 F.3d at 1525 (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).

3 Plaintiff asks that counsel be appointed because he is “unable to communicate with the
4 court or litigate.” ECF No. 24 at 1. The court cannot conclude that exceptional circumstances
5 requiring the appointment of counsel are present here. The allegations in the complaint are not
6 exceptionally complicated, and plaintiff has not demonstrated that he is likely to succeed on the
7 merits. Further, plaintiff has properly filed several motions with the court. For these reasons,
8 plaintiff’s motion to appoint counsel, ECF No. 24, is denied without prejudice.

9 The court may revisit this issue at a later stage of the proceedings if the interests of justice
10 so require. If plaintiff later renews his request for counsel, he should provide a detailed
11 explanation of the circumstances that he believes justify appointment of counsel in this case.

12 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that plaintiff’s motion for appointment of counsel,
13 ECF No. 24, is denied without prejudice.

14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: November 21, 2022

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18 JEREMY D. PETERSON
19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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