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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIAIN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIAMILTON N. HAYES,  
Petitioner,

No. C 11-00161 EJD (PR)

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

v.

ANTHONY HEDGPETH, Warden,  
Respondent.

/ (Docket Nos. 18 &amp; 19)

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has filed two letters in which he states, “This is a motion for appointment of counsel.” (Docket Nos. 18 and 19.)

The Sixth Amendment’s right to counsel does not apply in habeas corpus actions. See Knaubert v. Goldsmith, 791 F.2d 722, 728 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 479 U.S. 867 (1986). Unless an evidentiary hearing is required, the decision to appoint counsel is within the discretion of the district court. See Knaubert, 791 F.2d at 728; Bashor v. Risley, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 469 U.S. 838 (1984). An evidentiary hearing does not appear necessary at this time, and there are no exceptional circumstances to warrant appointment of counsel. Accordingly, Petitioner’s motion for appointment of counsel, (Docket No. 18), is DENIED, and Docket No. 19 is DENIED as duplicative. This denial is

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1 without prejudice to the Court's sua sponte reconsideration should the Court later find an  
2 evidentiary hearing necessary following consideration of the merits of Petitioner's claims.

3 This order terminates Docket Nos. 18 and 19.

4 DATED: 9/29/11

  
EDWARD J. DAVILA  
United States District Judge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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MILTON N. HAYES,

Petitioner,

Case Number: CV11-00161 EJD

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

v.

ANTHONY HEDGPETH, Warden, et al.,

Respondent.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on 9/29/11, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: 9/29/11

Richard W. Wiering, Clerk  
By: Elizabeth Garda, Deputy Clerk

