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## Member Tribes

- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Yankton Sioux Tribe

## Who We Are

### About Us

The Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance is a certified 501(c) non-profit organization. It serves as an advisory committee to the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association on all matters with regard to technical and policy issues regarding the water resources of member Tribal Nations. GPTWA was founded in 2006 and was reorganized in 2013.

### Membership & How to Join

Website: <https://www.tribalwateralliance.org/>

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- Each Tribe must follow their Tribal policies and procedures to nominate a board member and alternate.
- Submit an approved GPTWA membership resolution, together with the name of an appointed board member and alternate and include the annual membership fee.
- Interest in water and natural resources.



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## Mission Statement

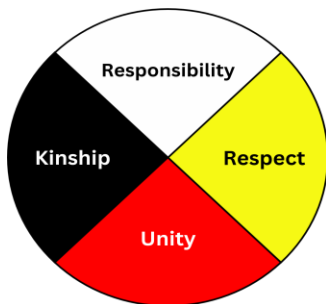
To protect the sovereignty of the Great Plains Tribes through preservation of water rights for the people and future generations.

## Vision

Our sacred obligation is to preserve, protect and manage water for current and future generations.

## Values

1. Responsibility – North, our guiding direction.
2. Respect – East, where we start each day and the intention, we bring to it.
3. Unity – South, our purpose throughout the day.
4. Kinship – West, where we end each day at home with our relatives.



## Water Rights Issues

- Protection of Indian Reserved Water Rights in the Upper Missouri Basin.
- Tribal Sovereignty over water in the Great Plains
- Treaty Rights in the Black Hills
- Protection of the Missouri River from the Dakota Access Pipeline

## Focus Areas

1. Water Rights Advocacy
  - a. Defend and strengthen treaty-protected rights to clean, accessible, and abundant water.
2. Climate Resilience
  - a. Support tribes in adapting to climate change in order to preserve access to water.
3. Water Resource Management
  - a. Support the adoption and implementation of tribal water codes throughout the Great Plains region.
4. Organizational Growth
  - a. Build organizational capacity by investing in leadership, solidifying policies and procedures and strategically growing the membership.

## GPTWA Awarded Projects

2016-2022

- **2016** Phase I WRMP: Baseline Condition Assessment
- **2017** Climate Partnership/Guidebook
- **2018** Drought Vulnerability Assessment
- **2018** Phase II Integrated Environmental Management Plan for Water, Cultural, and Natural Resources  
Phase II: Beneficial Uses and Other Resources
- **2018** GPTWA Host of the BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison Grant
- **2020** Drought Adaptation Plan
- **2020-2021** Climate and Drought Summary
- **2021** Development and Implementation of Phase III Water Context of the Individual Tribal Water Resource Management Plans. Phase III: Surface Water Assessment
- **2022** GPTWA Host of the BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison Grant



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