About WORD

The Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County (WORD) is a park and recreation district authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1987 and created by the voters of Comal County in 1988. The purposes of the district are to conserve the natural resources, improve public health, safety and welfare and operate public parks located in the district.

To carry out the mandate, WORD issues permits to water-related business owners allowing them to collect user fees from customers visiting the district and renting equipment or lodging within the district. The majority of the collected fees are expended on environmental protection of the river and safety of recreationalists on both the district area of the Guadalupe River and Canyon Lake.

The District includes Canyon Lake and almost 30 miles of floatable water on the Guadalupe River above and below Canyon Lake. The District begins at the New Braunfels city limits on the east and ends at the boundary of the Guadalupe State Park on the west.

The District is governed by a Board of Directors (seven members) who are appointed by the Comal County Commissioners’ Court. The Board hires and oversees the manager and assistant manager who conduct the day to day business of the district.